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for a few years from the time
of its date by the Presbyterian
congregation worshipping in
the High Street Chapel Portsmouth
of which the Revd Russell Scott
was for 45 years the minister —
The few alterations and additions
which are observed in page 8
of the Advertisement were no
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Russell Scott
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be done with public forms, by the miniſter introducing ſuch prayer or prayers of *his own*, as may accord with the *times*, whether *general* or *local*; or be ſuited to the *circumſtances* of his congregation. Perhaps, as proper a place as any may be in that part of the ſervices where the occaſional prayers and thankſgivings are directed to be uſed; or in a prayer immediately preceding the ſermon: this, and what part of the ſervices to omit, in ſuch caſes, is left to the diſcretion of the miniſter. By adopting this method, the imputation of being *confined* in prayer appears to be avoided; and the advantages attending what is called *free prayer*, may be enjoyed in conjunction with thoſe reſulting from *pub-*

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lic forms. The inconveniences too which may ariſe, or which may be ſuppoſed to ariſe, from *ſtated forms* of prayer, are removed by the latitude here given to the miniſter.

The ſhort interval between the propoſal of public forms and the uſual time of opening the lecture, has neceſſarily limited the number of ſervices, at preſent, to five; and has, alſo, given the compiler too little time to prepare even theſe for the preſs.

The firſt and ſecond ſervices are taken from the book of Common Prayer reformed, according to the plan of the late *Dr. Samuel Clarke, Rector of St. James's, Weſtminiſter,* with ſuch

alterations and additiǒns as have been thought neceſſary, to render them generally acceptable to the ſociety for whoſe uſe they are compiled. The hymn for celebrating the divine works, in the firſt ſervice, is taken from the morning ſervice of a form of prayer, ſome years ſince publiſhed, for the uſe of a congregation of Proteſtant Diſſenters at *Liverpool*. From theſe forms of prayer are alſo taken the third, fourth, and fifth ſervices; with ſome few alterations and additions.

The occaſional prayers and thankſgivings, which it has been judged proper to add, in order to render the ſervices more comprehenſive, are taken from thoſe annexed to the *Liverpool* form

form of prayer; from the prayers of the late pious, learned, and Rev. *John Palmer*; and from forms of prayers publiſhed by *a friend to family devotion*.

The *doxologies* are, as they moſt undoubtedly ought to be, from the *ſcriptures*: that which is at the concluſion of the different hymns, from 1 Tim. i. 17. and Rom. xvi. 27. and that which concludes each ſervice, from Jude 24, 25.

PORTSMOUTH,
SEPTEMBER 13, 1791.

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¶ *At the concluſion of the whole ſervice, either of theſe valedictory forms of bleſſing may be uſed at the diſcretion of the* miniſter.

THE LORD bleſs us and keep us; the LORD make his face to ſhine upon us: the LORD lift up the light of his countenance upon us, and give us peace now and for evermore. *Numb.* vi. 24, 25, 26.

The grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt be with us all evermore. 1 Cor. xvi. 23. Philip. iv. 23.

May the GOD of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Chriſt Jeſus, make us perfect, ſtrengthen, ſettle us. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. 1 Pet. v. 10, 11.

FIRST

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¶ *The ſervice to be introduced in the following manner by the* miniſter; *the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

WHEN the wicked man turneth away from his wickedneſs that he hath committed, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he ſhall ſave his ſoul alive.

Seek ye JEHOVAH while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near. Let the wicked man forſake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to JEHOVAH, for he will receive him with compaſſion; and to his GOD, for he aboundeth in forgiveneſs.

If we ſay that we have no ſin, we deceive ourſelves, and the truth is not in us; but, if we confeſs our ſins, GOD is faithful and kind to forgive us our ſins, and to cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs.

THE ſcripture exhorteth us, my brethren, in ſundry places, to acknowledge and confeſs our manifold ſins and wickedneſs, with a lowly, penitent, and obedient heart, before almighty GOD, our heavenly father; to the end that we may forſake them, and obtain their forgiveneſs, by his infinite goodneſs and mercy. And when we aſſemble and meet together to render thanks to God for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to ſet forth his moſt worthy praiſe, to hear his moſt holy word, and to aſk thoſe things which are requiſite and neceſſary, as well for the body as the ſoul, it behoveth us humbly to acknowledge our ſins before him. Wherefore, I beſeech you all to accompany me with purity and ſincerity of heart.

People.

We will acknowledge our ſins before GOD; *and confeſs our tranſgreſſions unto him.*

¶ *The general confeſſion; the prayer following; and the Lord's prayer to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling* *.

ALMIGHTY

* Whenever the miniſter is directed to kneel, the congregation may either kneel or ſtand, as may appear to

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful father, we have erred and ſtrayed from thy ways, like loſt ſheep. We have followed too much the devices and deſires of our own hearts. We have offended againſt thy holy laws. We have left undone, thoſe things which we ought to have done; and we have done thoſe things, which we ought not to have done. But thou, O LORD, have mercy upon us. Spare thou thoſe, O GOD, who confeſs their faults. Reſtore thou thoſe who are penitent; according to thy promiſes declared unto mankind by Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord. And grant that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and ſober life, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen* *.

to each perſon moſt proper. Kneeling, indeed, appears to be the poſture to which we are led by nature, as well as by ſcripture, to expreſs our humility and our dependance upon Him before whom we kneel. It muſt, however, be acknowledged, that the poſture of the body can profit us nothing, unleſs it be accompanied with that diſpoſition of mind, which it is deſigned to repreſent.

* The word *Amen*, at the concluſion of every prayer and doxology, ſhould always be repeated by the congregation; thereby teſtifying their acquieſcence in what hath preceded it.

ALMIGHTY GOD, unto whom all hearts are open, all deſires known, and from whom no ſecrets are hid, we pray that the thoughts of our hearts may be cleanſed from all evil, and we renewed in the ſpirit of our minds, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name, through the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

OUR father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, as in heaven, ſo alſo upon earth. Give us daily, the bread ſufficient for us. And forgive us our offences, as we forgive thoſe who offend us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall the miniſter ſay,*

O LORD, open thou our lips.

People.

And our mouth ſhall ſhew forth thy praiſe

¶ *Then ſhall be recited by the* miniſter *and* peopl *alternately, all ſtanding, the following hymn f celebrating the* DIVINE WORKS.

Miniſt

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O GOD, the creator and governor of all things; we praiſe thee, we worſhip thee, the moſt excellent and glorious being, infinite and unchangeable in power, in wiſdom, and goodneſs.

People.

Power, wiſdom, and goodneſs, are thine, O LORD.

Miniſter.

We praiſe thee, O GOD, we magnify thee, for making known unto us theſe thy perfections; and that by thy works which we behold, thou art leading us to the contemplation and love of thee, the fountain of life, and the author of all good.

People.

With our whole hearts will we praiſe thee; and ſpeak of thy marvellous works.

Miniſter.

With admiration and joy do we behold the beauty, order, and magnificence of thy creation: thereby are we led to acknowledge thine eternal being and providence;

and to worſhip thee, the author and conductor of all things.

People.

All thy works praiſe thee; and we thy people bleſs thee.

Miniſter.

In wiſdom haſt thou ſtretched out the firmament, and the heavens are the work of thy hands; the ſun, moon, and ſtars thou haſt ordained to fulfil thy pleaſure: theſe declare thine almighty power, and univerſal goodneſs.

People.

The heavens, and all the hoſt of heaven, worſhip thee.

Miniſter.

The air which we breathe is thy wiſe proviſion; thou covereſt the heavens with clouds; thou prepareſt the rain, and the dew; thou ſendeſt forth thy commandment; all things are obedient to the voice of thy word.

People.

Theſe are thy wonderful works; thy name be praiſed for ever.

Miniſter.

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Of old haſt thou laid the foundations of the earth: thou haſt clothed it with graſs; furniſhed it with herbs; adorned it with flowers; and enriched it with every thing neceſſary for the ſupport and happineſs of thy creatures.

People.

The earth is thine, O LORD, thou haſt filled it with the riches of thy goodneſs.

Miniſter.

The conſtant ſucceſſion of day and night, and the grateful return of ſummer and winter, ſeed time and harveſt, are the gracious appointments of thy providence.

People.

The day is thine; the night alſo is thine; thy goodneſs endureth for ever.

Miniſter.

The birds of the air, the fiſhes of the ſea, and the cattle upon a thouſand hills are thine: thou ſendeſt forth thy ſpirit, they are created: thou reneweſt the face of the earth.

People.

Thou openeſt thy hand; they are filled with good.

Miniſter.

Thou art the creator, and the father of mankind: thou haſt made us in thine own image, to contemplate thy works, and ſhew forth thy praiſe.

People.

We are thine offspring; we will praiſe and exalt thee for ever.

Miniſter.

Great and marvellous are all thy works, O LORD GOD almighty! thou haſt made heaven, and the heaven of heavens, with all their hoſts; the earth, and all things that are therein; the ſea, and all that inhabit it; and thou preſerveſt them continually.

People.

O LORD, *how manifold are thy works! in wiſdom haſt thou made them all.*

¶ *Here the firſt leſſon is to be read out of the Old Teſtament. After that the hymn following ſhall be recited by the* miniſter *and* people *alternately*;

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all ſtanding: at the end of which let the following doxology be uſed.

Now unto the king eternal, immortal, inviſible, GOD only wiſe, be honour and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt, for ever and ever. Amen.

Miniſter.

WE will magnify thee, O GOD, our king; and we will praiſe thy name for ever and ever.

People.

Every day will we give thanks unto thee, and praiſe thy name for ever and ever.

Miniſter.

Great is JEHOVAH! and greatly to be praiſed; and his greatneſs is unſearchable.

People.

One generation ſhall praiſe thy works to another, and declare thy power.

Miniſter.

And men ſhall ſpeak of the might of thy marvellous deeds; and we, alſo, will declare thy greatneſs.

People.

We will meditate on the beauty of thy glorious majeſty, and thy wondrous works.

Miniſter.

GOD is gracious and merciful; long-ſuffering, and of great goodneſs.

People.

The remembrance of thine abundant kindneſs ſhall be manifeſted; and all men ſhall ſing of thy righteouſneſs.

Miniſter.

All thy works ſhall praiſe thee, O JEHOVAH! and thy ſaints ſhall bleſs thee.

People.

They ſhall ſpeak of the glory of thy kingdom, and talk of thy power:

Miniſter.

That thy power, thy glory, and the mightineſs of thy kingdom might be known unto men.

People.

Thy kingdom is an everlaſting kingdom; and thy dominion endureth throughout all ages.

Miniſter.

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Our GOD upholdeth all ſuch as fall; and lifteth up all thoſe who are bowed down.

People.

The eyes of all wait upon thee; thou giveſt them their meat in due ſeaſon.

Miniſter.

Thou openeſt thy hand, and ſatisfieſt the deſire of every living thing.

People.

Thou art righteous in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works.

Miniſter.

JEHOVAH is nigh unto all thoſe who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

People.

He will fulfil the deſire of thoſe who fear him; he alſo will hear their cry, and will ſave them.

Miniſter.

He preſerveth all thoſe who love him; but ſcattereth abroad all the ungodly.

People.

Our mouths ſhall ſpeak thy praiſe; and let all fleſh give thanks unto thy holy name for ever and ever.

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People.

Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall be read the ſecond leſſon out of the New Teſtament: after that the hymn following ſhall be recited by the* miniſter *and* people *alternately; all ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

JEHOVAH is our rock, and our fortreſs, and our deliverer.

People.

GOD *is our rock, in him will we truſt; he is our ſhield, and the horn of our ſalvation, our refuge and our Saviour.*

Miniſter.

We will call on our GOD, who is worthy to be praiſed,

People

People.

We will offer unto him the ſacrifice of thankſgiving, and tell of his works with gladneſs.

Miniſter.

Who is a GOD, ſave JEHOVAH? and who is a rock, ſave our GOD?

People.

GOD *is our ſtrength and power; he maketh our way perfect.*

Miniſter.

O JEHOVAH! how excellent is thy name in all the earth!

People.

The memorial of thy loving-kindneſs ſhall be ſhown; and men ſhall ſing of thy goodneſs.

Miniſter.

GOD hath not pleaſure in wickedneſs; neither ſhall evil dwell with him.

People.

With the merciful, he will ſhow himſelf merciful; and with the upright he will ſhow himſelf upright.

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Amen.

¶ *Here may be ſung a* pſalm of praiſe. *And then ſhall be read three collects; the firſt of which ſhall be one of theſe following, at the choice of the* miniſter; *the ſecond, for peace; the third, for grace.*

BLESSED LORD GOD, who haſt cauſed all holy ſcriptures to be written for our inſtruction, grant that we may in ſuch wiſe hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digeſt them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy word, we may embrace, and hold faſt the joyful hope of everlaſting life, which thou haſt given us in Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY and ever living GOD, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than we requeſt or deſerve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy; forgiving us

thoſe things whereof our conſciences are afraid; and giving us thoſe good things which we are encouraged to aſk, through thy great mercies manifeſted in Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord. *Amen.*

MOST merciful LORD our GOD, we beſeech thee to deliver thy faithful people from ignorance and error; and guide them by the continual direction of thy divine influence, that they may plenteouſly bring forth the fruits of good works, and of thee be plenteouſly rewarded, according to thy gracious promiſes in Chriſt Jeſus our Lord. *Amen.*

The ſecond collect, for peace.

O THOU, who art the author of peace and lover of concord, in the knowledge of whom is eternal life, and whoſe ſervice is perfect peace, grant us thy continual protection, that we may be ſafe from all our enemies, and evermore give thanks unto thee, in the congregation of thy people, through the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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The third collect, for grace.

ALMIGHTY and everlasting GOD, who hast safely brought us to this day, henceforth defend us by thy mighty power; grant that we may no more fall into sin, and that we run not into any kind of harm. Give us that peace which the world can neither give nor take away, that our hearts may be resolved to obey thy commands; and, that by thee we being defended from the fear of evil, may pass our time in rest and quietness, as the faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following prayers are next to be read.*

A prayer for the Legislature.

O LORD, our heavenly father, high and mighty, king of kings, lord of lords, the supreme ruler of the kingdoms of the world, bless and protect the government under which we live. So regulate its different branches as ever to preserve its internal peace and harmony. Dispose the King, Lords, and Commons, at all times, firmly to unite in promoting the civil, the moral, and commercial interests of our country. Prosper all their righteous undertakings.

takings. May thoſe who are in offices of truſt and confidence make the real welfare of their country, and the general happineſs of mankind, the firſt objects of their adminiſtration. May all our repreſentatives ſteadily and uniformly adhere to the true intereſt and proſperity of their fellow ſubjects. May the judges and magiſtrates of the land diſcharge the duties of their office with honour and fidelity. And do thou fit them all, by the goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus, for the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

For the King and royal family.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all goodneſs, we humbly beſeech thee to bleſs our King, his Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family. Endue them with thy divine influence. Enrich them with thy heavenly favour. Proſper them with all happineſs here, and bring them to thine everlaſting kingdom, which thou haſt promiſed by Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

For all the miniſters of religion and their people.

ALMIGHTY and ever bleſſed GOD, who art the author of every perfect gift, ſend down upon all miniſters of thy religion,

religion, and upon all congregations committed to their charge, thy divine influence; and, that they may truly pleaſe thee, beſtow upon them, continually, thy bleſſing, which we are encouraged to aſk by the goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord. *Amen.*

For all conditions of men.

O GOD, the creator and preſerver of all mankind, we humbly beſeech thee for all ſorts and conditions of men, that thou wouldeſt be pleaſed to make thy way known unto them, and thy ſalvation unto all nations. More eſpecially we pray thee, for the good eſtate of the whole chriſtian church, in all parts of the world; that it may be ſo guided and governed by thine influence, that all, who profeſs and call themſelves chriſtians, may be led into the way of truth, and hold the faith in the unity of ſpirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteouſneſs of life. Finally, we commend to thy fatherly goodneſs all thoſe who are any ways afflicted or diſtreſſed, in body, mind, or eſtate; (* *particularly thoſe for*

* This to be ſaid when any deſire the prayers of the congregation; or, at the concluſion of this prayer, one of the *occaſional prayers* may be read, at the choice of the *miniſter*.

whom our prayers are deſired;) that it may pleaſe thee to comfort and relieve them, according to their ſeveral neceſſities; giving them patience under all their ſufferings, and a happy iſſue out of all their afflictions, that they may evermore live to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

General thankſgiving.

ALMIGHTY GOD, father of all mercies, we, thine unworthy ſervants, do give thee moſt humble and hearty thanks, for all thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us and to all men: (* *eſpecially to thoſe who deſire now to offer up their praiſes and thankſgivings, for thy late mercies vouchſafed unto them.*) We thank thee for our creation, preſervation, and all the bleſſings of this life; but, above all, for thine inеſtimable love, as manifeſted in the redemption of mankind, by that goſpel which thou didſt communicate to the world, by Jeſus Chriſt. We bleſs thee for the means, which thou haſt given us by him, of ob-

* This to be ſaid when any, who have been prayed for, deſire to return praiſe; or, at the concluſion of this general thankſgiving, one of the *occaſional thankſgivings* may be read, at the choice of the *miniſter*.

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taining thy favour, and for the hope of future glory. And we beſeech thee to give us that due ſenſe of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may ſhew forth thy praiſe, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourſelves to thy ſervice, and by walking before thee in that holineſs and righteouſneſs, which thou haſt required of us, by Chriſt Jeſus. *Amen.*

Concluding prayer.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whoſe permiſſion we have now made our common ſupplications unto thee, and who haſt eſpecially encouraged us, by our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, to offer unto thee our humble requeſts; fulfil now, we beſeech thee, the deſires and petitions of thy ſervants, as may be moſt expedient for them; granting us, in this world, the knowledge of thy truth; and, in the world to come, life everlaſting. *Amen.*

¶ *Doxology to be ſaid by the miniſter, ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to preſent us faultleſs,

leſs, before the preſence of his glory, with exceeding great joy, to the only wiſe GOD, our Saviour, be glory and majeſty, dominion and power, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

SECOND

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¶ *The ſervice to be introduced in the following manner by the* miniſter ; *the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

REMEMBER all the commandments of JEHOVAH, and do them.

JEHOVAH is a faithful GOD; he keepeth covenant and mercy, with thoſe who love him and keep his commandments, to a thouſand generations.

Love JEHOVAH your GOD, and keep his charge, and his ſtatutes, and his judgments, and his commandments alway.

Take diligent heed to love JEHOVAH your GOD, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto them; and to ſerve him with all your heart, and with all your ſoul.

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The mercy of JEHOVAH is from everlaſting to everlaſting, upon thoſe who fear him; and his righteouſneſs unto children's children, to ſuch as keep his covenant, and to thoſe who remember his commandments, to do them.

This is the love of GOD, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not grievous.

GOD ſpake theſe words, and ſaid: I am JEHOVAH, thy GOD; thou ſhalt have no other GODS, but me. Thou ſhalt not make to thyſelf any graven image; nor the likeneſs of any thing that is in heaven above, or, in the earth beneath, or, in the water under the earth. Thou ſhalt not bow down to them, nor worſhip them; for, I JEHOVAH, thy GOD, am a jealous GOD, and viſit the ſins of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of thoſe who hate me; and ſhew mercy unto the thouſandth generation of thoſe who love me and keep my commandments. Thou ſhalt not take the name of JEHOVAH thy GOD in vain; for JEHOVAH will not hold him guiltleſs who taketh his name in vain. Remember that thou keep holy the ſabbath day. Six days ſhalt thou

thou labour, and do all that thou haſt to do; but, the ſeventh day is the ſabbath of JEHOVAH, thy GOD. In it thou ſhalt do no manner of work; thou, and thy ſon, and thy daughter, thy man ſervant and thy maid ſervant, thy cattle, and the ſtranger that is within thy gates. For, in ſix days, JEHOVAH made heaven and earth, the ſea, and all that in them is; and reſted the ſeventh day: wherefore, JEHOVAH bleſſed the ſeventh day, and hallowed it. Honour thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which JEHOVAH thy GOD giveth thee. Thou ſhalt do no murder. Thou ſhalt not commit adultery. Thou ſhalt not ſteal. Thou ſhalt not bear falſe witneſs againſt thy neighbour. Thou ſhalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his man ſervant, nor his maid, nor his ox, nor his aſs, nor any thing that is his. Hear, alſo, what our Lord Jeſus Chriſt ſaith. The firſt of all the commandments is, Hear, O Iſrael, the LORD our GOD is the one LORD: and thou ſhalt love the LORD thy GOD, with all thy heart, and with all thy ſoul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy ſtrength. This is the firſt commandment. And the ſecond

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is like, namely this; thou ſhalt love thy neighbour as thyſelf. There is none other commandment greater than theſe.

People.

LORD, *have mercy upon us, we beſeech thee, and impreſs thy laws on our hearts.*

¶ *The following introductory prayer to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

O THOU who heareſt prayer, unto thee would we come. And this is the confidence that we have in thee, that if we aſk any thing according to thy will, thou heareſt us. But we know not, as we ought, what to pray for; help thou, therefore, our infirmities. Teach us to pray with the true ſpirit of devotion, and with underſtanding. And do thou give ear to our prayers, and to our ſupplications: attend unto us, hear us, O GOD; granting us thoſe things that may be moſt expedient for us, for thy mercy's ſake, as manifeſted in the goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The following general ſupplication, to be read by the* miniſter *and* people *alternately, kneeling.*

Miniſter.

O GOD, the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things therein, have mercy upon us, ſinners.

People.

O GOD, *the father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things therein, have mercy upon us, ſinners.*

Miniſter.

O GOD, who, by the miſſion, obedience, death, and reſurrection of thy moſt beloved ſon, haſt eſtabliſhed a church and people, and placed them under thy continual protection, have mercy upon us, ſinners.

People.

O GOD, *who, by the miſſion, obedience, death, and reſurrection of thy moſt beloved ſon, haſt eſtabliſhed a church and people, and placed them under thy continual protection, have mercy upon us, ſinners.*

Miniſter.

O GOD, who, by thy divine influence, doſt govern, direct, and ſanctify the hearts of thy faithful ſervants, have mercy upon us, ſinners.

People.

O GOD, *who, by thy divine influence, doſt govern, direct, and ſanctify the hearts of thy*

thy faithful ſervants, have mercy upon us, ſinners.

Miniſter.

Remember not, O LORD, our offences; nor the offences of our forefathers: and, for the glory of thy name, turn from us all thoſe evils that we moſt juſtly have deſerved. Spare us, O LORD, ſpare thy people; and have compaſſion on the work of thy hands;

People.

Spare us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

From all evil and miſchief, from ſin, from dangerous temptations, from thy diſpleaſure, and from future condemnation;

People.

O LORD, *deliver us.*

Miniſter.

From all blindneſs of heart; from pride, vain glory, and hypocriſy; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableneſs;

People.

O LORD, *deliver us.*

Miniſter.

From fleſhly luſts, which war againſt the ſoul; and from all the allurements of this tranſitory world;

People.

O LORD, *deliver us.*

Miniſter.

From lightning and tempeſt; from plague, peſtilence, and famine; from battle and murder; and from untimely death;

People.

O LORD, *deliver us.*

Miniſter.

From all ſedition, privy conſpiracy, and rebellion; from hardneſs of heart; and from contempt of thy word and commandment;

People.

O LORD, *deliver us.*

Miniſter.

In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our proſperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment;

People.

O LORD, *deliver us.*

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

O LORD GOD, we pray, and we beſeech thee to hear us, that it may pleaſe thee to rule and govern all thy ſincere worſhippers in the right way;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to direct and preſerve in the true worſhipping of thee, in righteouſneſs and holineſs of life, all thoſe who are appointed to rule over us;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to guide their hearts in faith, fear, and love, that they may evermore put their truſt in thee, and ever ſeek thy honour and glory;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to direct them in the various branches of their adminiſtra-

tion, and lead them to adopt ſuch meaſures as ſhall beſt promote the good of the ſtate, the peace and proſperity of our country, and the welfare of all our fellow creatures;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to bleſs and protect our King, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to counſel the King's counſellors, and to endue all the great men of the land with grace, wiſdom, and underſtanding;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to bleſs and keep all our magiſtrates, diſpoſing them to execute

cute juſtice, and to preſerve the good order of ſociety;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to give to all nations unity and peace, liberty and concord;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to illuminate all the miniſters of Chriſt Jeſus with true knowledge and underſtanding of thy word, that, both by their teaching and living, they may boldly rebuke and reprove all manner of vice, and ſhew forth the power of the goſpel;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to bleſs, protect, and proſper all thy people;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to give them an increaſe of thy favour, inclining them to hear meekly thy word; to receive it with pure affection; and to bring forth its fruits;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee ſo to teach them reſignation to thy will, and ſo give them fortitude in the cauſe of Chriſt, that, if need be, they may patiently ſacrifice even life for the truth's ſake;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to give us a heart to love and fear thee, and diligently to live after thy commandments;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to lead into the way

way of truth all ſuch as have erred and are deceived;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſtrengthen ſuch as do ſtand; to comfort and help the weak-hearted: to raiſe up thoſe who fall; and, finally, to aboliſh from the world all ſin and temptation;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to ſuccour, help, and comfort all who are in danger, neceſſity, and tribulation;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to preſerve and bleſs all who travel by land or by water; all who labour with child; all ſick perſons

and young children; and to ſhow pity upon all priſoners and captives;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to defend and provide for the fatherleſs children and widows; for all who are deſolate and oppreſſed; and eſpecially for all thoſe who ſuffer for righteouſneſs ſake;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to have mercy upon all men;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to forgive our enemies, perſecutors, and ſlanderers, and to turn their hearts;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to give and preſerve to our uſe the kindly fruits of the earth, that in due time we may enjoy them;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

That it may pleaſe thee to accept our ſincere repentance; to forgive us our ſins, negligences, and ignorances; and to lead us to amend our lives according to thy holy word;

People.

We beſeech thee to hear us, O LORD.

Miniſter.

Glory be to GOD, in the higheſt;

People.

And on earth peace, and good will towards men.

¶ *Here, if any deſire the prayers of the congregation, may be read one of the occaſional prayers.*

¶ *Then ſhall be read the firſt leſſon taken out of the Old Teſtament. After that the hymn following*

ſhall be recited by the minister *and* people, *alternately; all ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

BLESS JEHOVAH your GOD; bleſſed be his glorious name for ever and ever.

People.

It is he who made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their hoſts; the earth, and all that are therein; the ſea, and all that are therein; he preſerveth them all: and the hoſt of heaven worſhippeth him.

Miniſter.

Praiſe ye him; praiſe his holy name for ever.

People.

Praiſe him, O our ſouls! and forget not his benefits.

Miniſter.

O JEHOVAH! thy word endureth for ever.

People.

Thy truth, alſo, remaineth from one generation to another.

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

Thou haſt laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

People.

Who can utter the mighty acts of JEHOVAH?

Miniſter.

Praiſe ye him; oh give thanks unto him: for he is good; and his mercy endureth for ever.

People.

Who can ſhew forth his praiſe?

Miniſter.

Praiſe ye him with your whole hearts: ſhew forth all his marvellous works.

People.

We will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will ſing praiſes to thy name, O thou moſt High.

Miniſter.

Great is our GOD, and of great power; his underſtanding is infinite.

People.

People.

His right hand hath the pre-eminence; his hand bringeth mighty things to paſs.

Miniſter.

He is good to all; and his tender mercies are over all his works.

People.

He is good: he is kind: and his mercy is everlaſting.

Miniſter.

He is righteous in all his ways; and holy in all his works.

People.

Righteous art thou, O JEHOVAH; *and juſt are thy judgments.*

Miniſter.

He is in every place, beholding the evil and the good.

People.

His eyes are on the ways of men; and he ſeeth all their goings.

Miniſter.

From the riſing of the ſun, to the going down

down of the ſame, the name of JEHOVAH is to be praiſed.

People.

Bleſſed be his name from this time forth and for evermore.

Miniſter.

Now unto the king eternal, immortal, inviſible, GOD only wiſe, be honour and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

¶ *Then ſhall be read the ſecond leſſon out of the New Teſtament. After that the following hymn ſhall be recited by the* miniſter *and the* people, *alternately; all ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

IT is a good thing to give thanks unto our GOD, and to ſing praiſes unto the moſt High.

People.

We will ſing unto him as long as we live: we will ſing praiſes to our GOD, while we have any being.

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

Let thoſe who ſeek him be glad and rejoice in him: let ſuch as love his ſalvation praiſe him continually.

People.

Bleſſed be his name, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the GOD of our ſalvation.

Miniſter.

Who is like unto JEHOVAH! glorious in holineſs! mighty in praiſes! doing wonders!

People.

He is great: there is none like unto him: neither is there any GOD *beſides him.*

Miniſter.

Bleſs him; and ſpeak of all his wondrous works.

People.

Bleſſed be his name for ever and ever: wiſdom and might are his: he changeth the times and the ſeaſons: his righteouſneſs is an everlaſting righteouſneſs; and his law is the truth: he is the ſame yeſterday, to-day, and for ever; and his years ſhall have no end.

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

By his word were the heavens made; and all the hoſt of them by the breath of his mouth.

People.

He hath made the earth by his power: he hath eſtabliſhed the world by his wiſdom: he hath ſtretched out the heavens by his underſtanding.

Miniſter.

The earth is his, and the fulneſs thereof; the world, and they who dwell therein.

People.

How manifold are his works! in wiſdom hath he made them all: the earth is full of his goodneſs.

Miniſter.

He is good, and ready to forgive: he is plenteous in mercy to all who call upon him in ſincerity.

People.

We will praiſe him for his goodneſs, and for his mercy to the children of men.

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

Give unto JEHOVAH the glory due unto his name: worſhip him in the beauty of holineſs.

People.

Great art thou, and worthy to be praiſed, O GOD, *and there is no end of thy greatneſs: all thy works praiſe thee: and we thy people give thanks unto thee.*

Miniſter.

Now unto the king eternal, immortal, inviſible, GOD only wiſe, be honour and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

¶ *Here may be ſung a* pſalm of praiſe. *Then ſhall be read the two following prayers, and the Lord's prayer: and after that the general thankſgiving, and the prayer following, by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

For living to GOD.

ALMIGHTY GOD, from whom all motives ſpring, who art able to make all grace abound towards us, and to ſupply

ſupply all our wants out of thine abundant fulneſs in Chriſt Jeſus, diſpoſe our hearts to commit ourſelves unto thee in the way of well-doing, as unto a faithful creator. As thou who haſt called us from the world to worſhip and ſerve thee, art holy, ſo may we be holy in all manner of converſation. May we be ſtedfaſt and immoveable in our love of thee, and always abounding in every good work, ſince we know that none of us liveth to himſelf, and that no man dieth to himſelf. Be thou our light, in darkneſs; our ſtrength, in weakneſs; our hope, in diſtreſs; our ſupport, in death; and our joy, in the day of judgment. And grant, we beſeech thee, that we may conſtantly be induced to be laying up our treaſure in heaven, that where our treaſure is, there our hearts may be alſo; even at thy right hand, for evermore. *Amen.*

For the imitation of Chriſt.

MOST merciful GOD, who didſt ſend thy goſpel to deliver mankind from iniquity, to redeem them from ſin, and to make them co-heirs, with Jeſus Chriſt, of eternal life, teach us to learn of him who was meek and lowly in heart, that we

we may find eaſe to our ſouls. May the ſame mind be in us, which was alſo in Chriſt Jeſus; and may he be in us the hope of future happineſs, that, when he ſhall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him, and be admitted to dwell with him in the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

The Lord's prayer.

OUR father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, as in heaven, ſo alſo upon earth. Give us daily, the bread ſufficient for us. And forgive us our offences, as we forgive thoſe who offend us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

General thankſgiving.

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful GOD: the earth is full of thy goodneſs. We render unto thee our grateful tribute of praiſe for thoſe mercies and benefits, for that forbearance and compaſſion, which thou doſt daily manifeſt to us, and

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to all men: (* *particularly to thoſe who now deſire to offer up their praiſes and thankſgivings for thy late mercies vouchſafed unto them.*) We thank thee for all the enjoyments, conſolations, and bleſſings of this life. We thank thee for the glad tidings of peace and ſalvation, ſent to a degenerate world by Jeſus Chriſt. And, we bleſs thee, that, by his reſurrection from the dead, we have the moſt clear and animating hope of an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that withereth not away; reſerved, in a future ſtate, for all thoſe who are kept by thy power, until the day of reſurrection, through faith unto ſalvation. And we beſeech thee deeply to impreſs our minds with a ſenſe of our conſtant dependance upon thee, for all our mercies, that we may henceforth be led to live in thy fear and to thy glory; that whether we live, we may live unto thee; or whether we die, we may die unto thee; and, hereafter, ariſe to life everlaſting, as his diſciples whom thou haſt appointed to be the reſurrection and the life. *Amen.*

* This to be ſaid when any, who have been prayed for, deſire to return praiſe; or, at the concluſion of this general thankſgiving, one of the *occaſional thankſgivings* may be read, at the choice of the *miniſter.*

Concluding

Concluding prayer.

ALMIGHTY and everliving GOD, who doſt govern all things in heaven and on earth, we beſeech thee favourably to receive the ſupplications and thankſgivings, that have now been offered unto thee. Teach us, at all times, to think and to ſpeak ſuch things as be right in thy ſight. And grant that we, who can do nothing that is good without thee, may be enabled to live according to thy will, as manifeſted in the goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Doxology to be ſaid by the* miniſter, *ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to preſent us faultleſs, before the preſence of his glory, with exceeding great joy, to the only wiſe GOD, our Saviour, be glory and majeſty, dominion and power, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

THIRD

THIRD SERVICE.

¶ *The ſervice to be introduced in the following manner by the* miniſter; *the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

OFFER unto GOD thankſgivings; and pay your vows unto the moſt High.

Think of the loving-kindneſs of GOD, in the midſt of his temple.

Serve JEHOVAH with gladneſs; and enter into his courts with praiſe.

Know ye that JEHOVAH, he is GOD: it is he who hath made us, and not we ourſelves: we are his people; and the ſheep of his paſture.

Enter his gates with thankſgiving; and into his courts with praiſe: be thankful unto him; and bleſs his name. Come before his preſence with thankſgiving; and give unto him the glory due unto his name.

People.

People.

Unto JEHOVAH *will we lift up our ſouls, and magnify his name together.*

¶ *The following introductory prayer to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

O HOLY, holy LORD GOD almighty, before whom all creatures bow: may we celebrate thy perfections, and ſpeak of thy wonderful works with attention and reverence; give thanks unto thee, and ſing thy praiſes, with joy and gladneſs; humble ourſelves before thee, with ſincere and contrite hearts; and pray unto thee, under a juſt ſenſe of our dependance upon thy providence, and with fervent charity to all men: and may theſe our devotions be acceptable to thee, O GOD, our ſtrength, and our redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall be recited by the* miniſter *and* people, *alternately, all ſtanding, the following hymn for celebrating the* DIVINE PERFECTIONS.

Miniſter.

WE praiſe thee, O GOD: we worſhip thee, the moſt glorious and excellent being, the creator and governor of all things, viſible and inviſible.

People.

People.

O LORD GOD, *thou art greatly to be praiſed, and to be had in reverence of all who draw nigh unto thee.*

Miniſter.

We acknowledge thee, the one, living, and true GOD: GOD in heaven above, and earth beneath, and throughout all worlds: there is none beſides thee.

People.

Unto us there is but one GOD, *to whom be glory for ever.*

Miniſter.

Thou alone art from everlaſting, without beginning of days, or end of years: thou liveſt and reigneſt for ever and ever.

People.

We magnify thee, the high and lofty One, who inhabiteſt eternity.

Miniſter.

Thou art a ſpiritual and incorruptible being; who dwelleſt in light inacceſſible, and full of glory; whom no mortal eye hath ſeen, or can ſee.

People.

We would worſhip thee, who art a ſpirit, in ſpirit and in truth.

Miniſter.

Infinite art thou, O GOD: thou dwelleſt not in temples made with hands: the univerſe is thy temple: thou art preſent at all times, in every part of thy dominion.

People.

In thee we live, and move, and have our being.

Miniſter.

Thine is the greatneſs, and the power, and the glory, and the majeſty: all things in heaven and in earth are thine: thine is the kingdom; and thou art to be worſhipped as LORD over all.

People.

Thou art great, and greatly to be feared; thy greatneſs is unſearchable.

Miniſter.

Thou art perfect in wiſdom, wonderful in council, and excellent in all thy works.

People.

People.

To the only wiſe GOD *be honour and glory for ever.*

Miniſter.

Holy art thou, O GOD: thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: thy countenance regardeth the upright.

People.

We reverence thy name, for thou art holy.

Miniſter.

Thy righteouſneſs is like the great mountains: thy truth reacheth to the heavens: juſtice and judgment are the everlaſting foundations of thy throne.

People.

Juſt and true are all thy ways, O thou king of ſaints.

Miniſter.

Thou art good; thou doeſt good continually: the earth is full of thy goodneſs: all thy works bear their teſtimony to thy rich and over-flowing bounty: every good, and every perfect gift is from above; and cometh down from thee, the FATHER OF ALL.

People.

O LORD, *thy goodneſs is above all praiſe; univerſal as thy works, and endleſs as eternity.*

Miniſter.

All glory and honour, bleſſing and praiſe, might, majeſty, and dominion, be unto GOD for ever.

People.

Amen.

¶ *Here the firſt leſſon, out of the Old Teſtament, is to be read: after which the ſervice is to proceed in the following manner; the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

LET us now offer up unto GOD our ſincere and humble thankſgivings, for his great goodneſs to us and to all mankind.

O give thanks unto the LORD, ye, his people; give thanks at the remembrance of his goodneſs.

Let us meditate upon his mercies with delight: and let the words of our mouths, and the actions of our lives, ſhow forth his praiſe.

People.

People.

Bleſs the LORD, *O our ſouls, and forget not his benefits.*

Miniſter.

WE thank thee, O father, LORD of heaven and earth, for the innumerable mercies that thou haſt beſtowed upon us. We acknowledge, with all gratitude and joy, the gift of life: thine almighty voice hath called us into being; and thy hand hath placed us in this part of thy glorious works. We thank thee for the wiſe and uſeful frame of our bodies; and for the nobler powers of our minds; by which we are enabled to contemplate the beauty of thy works, and the wonderful order of thy providence; and to attain to the knowledge and love of thee, the creator of the world, and the author of all good. We thank thee that thou haſt implanted in us a ſenſe of good and evil; and that thou haſt given us the amiable affections of benevolence and compaſſion; hereby leading us to the admiration and love of goodneſs, and to the enjoyment of that happineſs, which ariſes from the practice of virtue, and true religion.

People.

We praiſe thee, O LORD, *for thy goodneſs, and for thy wonderful works to the children of men.*

Miniſter.

We thank thee, O ever bountiful and gracious GOD, for the continual preſervation of our lives: in thy hand is the life of every creature, and the breath of all mankind: our food and raiment are the daily gifts of thy bounty: thou giveſt us healthful and fruitful ſeaſons, and filleſt our hearts with joy and gladneſs: the bleſſings of ſociety, friendſhip, liberty, and equal government, are thy wiſe and benevolent appointment.

People.

We praiſe thee, O LORD, *for thy goodneſs, and for thy wonderful works to the children of men.*

Miniſter.

We bleſs thee, O heavenly father, that thy goodneſs to mankind is not confined to this preſent world; but that thou haſt awakened in us the pleaſing hope of immortality: and that, by the various means of thy providence

vidence and grace, thou art training us up for a heavenly and everlaſting life. We thank thee for the inſtructions and examples of wiſe and good men, in every age; and for every opportunity of attaining that meaſure of knowledge and virtue which is neceſſary to our happineſs. But, above all, we praiſe and magnify thee, for the rich diſplay of thy goodneſs, manifeſted in the goſpel of thy moſt beloved ſon, Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord; whom thou didſt raiſe up to bleſs mankind, by turning them from darkneſs to light, and from the power of ſin, to the worſhip and obedience of thee, the true GOD. We acknowledge, with the higheſt gratitude, the ſublime and perfect doctrines which thou haſt communicated to the world, by Chriſt. We rejoice, that, by him, thou haſt given us thy heavenly truth, to enlighten our minds, to ſanctify our hearts, and guide our feet into the way of peace; and that; in his life, thou haſt ſet before us an example of the moſt exalted goodneſs, to animate our endeavours, and to encourage us to preſs forward continually. We thank thee for the promiſes of thy mercy and forgiveneſs, upon repentance and newneſs of life; for the aſſurance of thy gracious influence to help

our infirmities; and for the bleſſed hope of immortality, confirmed to us in the goſpel. We rejoice in the exceeding riches of thy grace; that thou haſt exalted Jeſus to be a prince and a ſaviour; and that, through thy wiſe and merciful appointment, he is the medium of eternal ſalvation to all thoſe who believe in him, and obey him.

People.

Bleſſed be the GOD *and father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, for his goodneſs; and for his wonderful works to the children of men.*

¶ *Here, if any deſire to return praiſe for mercies received, may be read one of the* occaſional thankſgivings.

¶ *Then the ſecond leſſon is to be read out of the New Teſtament: after that the ſervice to proceed in the manner following; the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

THUS ſaith JEHOVAH: I dwell with him who is of a contrite and humble ſpirit; to revive the ſpirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Who

Who can ſay, I have made my heart clean; I am pure from ſin? If we juſtify ourſelves, our own mouths ſhall condemn us: if we ſay we are perfect, it ſhall prove us perverſe.

We have all gone aſtray; we have turned every one to his own way.

GOD is merciful and gracious; freely pardoning the humble penitent: he retaineth not his anger for ever, becauſe he delighteth in mercy: for he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are but duſt.

The ſacrifices of GOD are a humble ſpirit; a humble and a contrite heart he will not deſpiſe: before him, therefore, let us confeſs our ſins.

¶ *The general confeſſion; to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

Miniſter.

ALMIGHTY GOD, father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, maker of all things, and judge of men! we acknowledge and lament before thee, the manifold errors and follies of our lives. We have not duly hearkened to the voice of thy word. We have been too unmindful of thy goodneſs; and ungrateful to thee, our continual bene-

factor. We have not always done unto others, as we would they ſhould do unto us. We have departed from the ways of thy commandments, and expoſed ourſelves to thy juſt diſpleaſure: our only hope is in thy mercy, which endureth for ever. We bow ourſelves before the throne of thy grace, imploring thy pardon. O GOD, have mercy upon us, we beſeech thee: and do thou, who deſireſt not the death of ſinners, but hadſt rather they would turn from their wickedneſs and live, forgive and accept us. Encouraged as we are, in thy holy word, to hope for mercy, upon repentance and amendment of life, we deſire, with our whole hearts, to return to the obedience of thy commandments. May we henceforth forſake every evil way; correct whatever is wrong in our temper and conduct; and delight in the practice of every thing good and virtuous: thus may we obtain from thee, the GOD of all mercy, the forgiveneſs of our ſins, and an inheritance among thoſe who are ſanctified, according to thy promiſes by Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord.

People.

Have mercy upon us, O GOD, *according to thy loving-kindneſs; according to the multitude*

multitude of thy tender mercies, blot out our tranſgreſſions.

¶ *Here a* pſalm of praiſe *may be ſung: and, after that, the following prayers to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

For religious wiſdom.

O FATHER of lights, and fountain of knowledge, open the eyes of our minds, and enlighten us with true wiſdom. May we cheriſh pure, amiable, and worthy ideas of thy nature and providence. Lead us to a right underſtanding of that religion which is acceptable to thee, and recommended to us, in the revelation of thy will made known to the world by thy moſt beloved ſon. May we evermore diſcern, approve, and practiſe the things which are excellent: and, by a life devoted to thy ſervice, be prepared for the glorious and everlaſting kingdom of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

For good diſpoſitions.

EVER bleſſed and moſt holy GOD, who ſearcheſt the hearts of men, and, before all things, regardeſt the virtuous and

upright mind; we beſeech thee, that our hearts may be endued with every good and pious diſpoſition. We pray that all the great truths of religion may have a powerful and laſting influence, in correcting the vices of our minds, and amending the diſorders of our lives; that, by purity and righteouſneſs, we may approve ourſelves to thee, the judge of all the earth. *Amen.*

For piety to GOD.

O THOU, who art the author of every good and perfect gift, we deſire, at all times, to retain a moſt devout ſenſe and holy admiration of thine excellent nature; to reverence thine authority; to look up unto thee, with ſatisfaction and joy, as our conſtant benefactor; to love thee with all our hearts; to delight in thy ſervice; to be thankful for thine innumerable and undeſerved mercies; to confide in thine all-gracious providence; and to yield an unreſerved and grateful obedience to all thy holy commandments. *Amen.*

For charity to mankind.

O GOD of love and mercy, as thine offſpring, in common with all thy rational

tional creatures, as members of the ſociety of mankind, as the diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt, we deſire to put on affections of mercy, kindneſs, compaſſion, humbleneſs of mind, meekneſs, long-ſuffering; forbearing one another, forgiving one another. We would do unto all men, as we deſire they ſhould do unto us. And, in the conſtant exerciſe of juſtice and humanity, of honeſty and mercy, we wiſh to fulfil the gracious purpoſes of thy providence; and to live in peace and charity with all men. *Amen.*

For ſelf-government.

O THOU, who ſearcheſt the hearts of all men, under a deep ſenſe of our obligations to thee, as thy children, we earneſtly deſire to maintain a conſtant government over ourſelves. Under a deep ſenſe of the ſacred duties of our profeſſion, as the followers of Jeſus, who hath called us to glory and virtue, and to the joyful hope of immortality, we pray that we may be ſober, chaſte, and temperate in all things. Under a deep ſenſe of the great neceſſity of thine approbation of our conduct, in order to obtain future happineſs, we beſeech thee to induce us to keep our hearts and minds in

in due ſubjection to thy holy will, as manifeſted in the goſpel of Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord. *Amen.*

For ſincerity.

O EVER preſent, moſt holy, and righteous GOD! before whom all hearts are open; may our hearts be ever upright in thy ſight. In whatever ſtation thou art pleaſed to appoint our lot, and wherever we are, in public, or in private, may it be our uniform and ſteady purpoſe, to diſcharge our duty with fidelity. May we never remove our integrity from us. And, in that ſolemn day, when thou, ſupreme over all, ſhalt judge the world, by Jeſus Chriſt, may we be able to appear with humble confidence and joy, and be admitted into his glorious and everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

For ſubmiſſion to the divine providence.

O LORD GOD, whoſe never-failing providence ordereth all things, both in heaven and in earth, we ſubmit ourſelves to the diſpoſal of that wiſdom which cannot err; and to the care of that goodneſs which is unchangeable and everlaſting.

Lead

Lead us whither thou pleaſeſt; place us in ſuch circumſtances as thou ſhalt judge proper. We would do thy whole will, with fidelity and pleaſure: we would bear thy whole will, with ſubmiſſion and patience. Defend us, O heavenly father, from every real evil: confer upon us every needful good: may all events conſpire to the improvement and eſtabliſhment of our virtue: and may we be conducted, by thine unerring hand, through all the changes of this mortal life; and, finally, be admitted to the everlaſting habitations of the juſt, which thou haſt promiſed to thy faithful ſervants, by Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

For all mankind.

ALMIGHTY and everliving GOD, who haſt taught us to offer up prayers, ſupplications, and interceſſions for all men, we beſeech thee to extend thy favour and mercy to all mankind: may all the families, tribes, communities, and kingdoms of the earth, be brought to the knowledge and pure worſhip of thee, the only true GOD. Enlarge the kingdom of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; that kingdom of truth and righteouſneſs, which ſhall never be deſtroyed. Put

Put an end to all idolatry, ſuperſtition, and falſe religion. May pure and uncorrupted Chriſtianity prevail: may all who profeſs the faith of Chriſt be ſhining examples of goodneſs: may the ſpirit of perſecution for ever ceaſe: and may truth and righteouſneſs, peace and charity, every where abound, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

For our government, and country.

O LORD GOD, who doſt, from thy throne, behold all the kingdoms of the earth, we humbly beſeech thee to bleſs the government under which we live. May all thoſe who are inveſted with authority, from the King to the loweſt magiſtrate of the ſtate, be enabled to employ their power in wiſdom and righteouſneſs, in juſtice and clemency. May they be ſolicitous to promote the virtue and happineſs, and to perpetuate the freedom of our country; and do thou crown ſuch endeavours with ſucceſs. May ſuch, from time to time, be appointed to the different offices of adminiſtration, and of juſtice, as may juſtly be conſidered the miniſters of thy providence to us for good. And we pray that a ſpeedy and effectual ſtop may be put to the progreſs

greſs of immorality and profaneneſs in our country: may public virtue more generally prevail; and, on that laſting foundation, may the public happineſs be eſtabliſhed. Bleſs us with healthful times, and fruitful ſeaſons; crown the year with thy goodneſs. Diſpoſe us all to a grateful and temperate enjoyment of the bounties of thy providence; and may we ſhew forth thy praiſe in all our actions, and be hereafter admitted into thy heavenly and everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the King and royal family.

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whom Kings rule, and Princes decree juſtice, we beſeech thee to viſit with thy bleſſing our King, the Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family. May they each cultivate all thoſe amiable and princely virtues, which will conſtitute them the ornaments of their high ſtations, render them the true diſciples of the Prince of Peace, and make them extenſive bleſſings to their country and to mankind. Grant them happineſs in this life; and conduct them, by thy grace, to that everlaſting kingdom, which thou haſt promiſed to all the faithful followers of Chriſt Jeſus. *Amen.*

For

For the miniſters of religion.

O GOD, the father of lights, and fountain of all good, endue the miniſters of thy religion, of every denomination, and in every part of the world, with the ſpirit and temper of their lord and maſter, Jeſus. May they diligently purſue the good work of inſtructing the ignorant, and reforming the vicious; and, in all the duties of their office, may they conduct themſelves, not as having dominion over the faith of the people, but as examples to their flocks: and, by the excellency of their doctrines and the holineſs of their lives, may they ſave themſelves, and thoſe who hear them. *Amen.*

For thoſe who are in affliction.

MOST merciful GOD, our heavenly father, who art the author and giver of all conſolation, we humbly recommend to thy providential care, all thoſe who are in affliction and diſtreſs: (* *thoſe eſpecially*

* This to be ſaid when any deſire the prayers of the congregation; or, at the concluſion of this prayer, one of the *occaſional prayers* may be read, at the choice of the *miniſter*.

for

for whom our prayers are deſired:) be thou, in thy great mercy, a father to the fatherleſs, and the defender of the widow: provide for the poor: give health to the ſick, and eaſe to thoſe who are in pain: deliver thoſe who are oppreſſed; and comfort thoſe who mourn: ſupport thy faithful ſervants who are in bonds, or, in any manner, perſecuted for the ſake of religion; give them fortitude in the day of trial; and, in due time, a happy deliverance out of all their afflictions. And from the various calamities, either of ourſelves or others, may we learn to pity the diſtreſſed; to mourn with thoſe who mourn; to be patient under all the appointments of thy providence; and to be excited to the purſuit of that happineſs, which ariſeth from the practice of virtue and religion, and from the glorious hope of eternal life, promiſed in thy goſpel, by Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding prayer.

O LORD our GOD, the protector of all who truſt in thee, mercifully hear the prayers, and favourably accept the praiſes, we have now offered up to thy divine majeſty. Increaſe in us the ſpirit of

of piety and devotion: and grant, that by the fervour of our prayers, the ſincerity of our thankſgivings, the integrity of our hearts, and the purity of our lives, we may promote thy honour, extend the influence of thy religion, and advance the glory of thy heavenly kingdom. *Amen.*

OUR father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, as in heaven, ſo alſo upon earth. Give us daily, the bread ſufficient for us. And forgive us our offences, as we forgive thoſe who offend us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

¶ *Doxology to be ſaid by the* miniſter, *ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to preſent us faultleſs, before the preſence of his glory, with exceeding great joy, to the only wiſe GOD, our Saviour, be honour and glory, dominion and power, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

FOURTH

FOURTH SERVICE.

¶ *The ſervice to be introduced in the following manner by the* miniſter; *the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

HEAR all ye people; give ear all ye inhabitants of the world; for the LORD GOD omnipotent reigneth. Let the heaven and the earth praiſe him; the ſeas, and every thing that moveth therein. Rejoice in JEHOVAH, ye righteous: and give thanks at the remembrance of his holineſs.

Truſt in GOD, at all times, ye people; pour out your hearts before him; for he taketh pleaſure in thoſe who fear him, and thoſe who hope in his mercy. In his fear is ſtrong confidence; and his children ſhall have a place of refuge. Truſt in him, therefore, with all your hearts, and lean not to your own underſtandings: in all your ways

ways acknowledge him, and he ſhall direct your paths. Offer the ſacrifices of righteouſneſs, and put your truſt in him; for, in his preſence, is fulneſs of joy; and, at his right hand, are pleaſures for evermore.

People.

JEHOVAH *reigneth*; *let the earth rejoice*; *in him will we truſt.*

¶ *The following introductory prayer to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

EVER bleſſed and moſt glorious LORD our GOD! thou art the object of ſupreme veneration: on thee do all the families of the earth continually depend. We would preſent ourſelves before thee with reverence and humility: we would offer unto thee our ſacrifices of praiſe and thankſgiving with joy and gratitude. By celebrating thy perfections, may we be excited to an ardent love and imitation of thee, our heavenly father: and may the remembrance of thy great goodneſs to us, and to all mankind, incline us to love and ſerve one another, as brethren. May we confeſs our ſins with unfeigned ſorrow, and with ſteady purpoſes of amendment. May we pray

unto thee, as the bountiful diſpenſer of all good: and may our interceſſions be accompanied with charity to all men. May we ſerve thee with freedom and delight. Induce us to keep a watchful guard over ourſelves, at all times; more eſpecially whilſt we are employed in the ſerious and important duties of thy houſe: may no vain thoughts diſtract our minds; no unworthy object withdraw our affections; but, may our whole hearts be engaged in thy worſhip: and may the influence of theſe our religious ſervices be abundantly ſhewn forth in lives conformable to the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall be recited by the* miniſter *and* people, *alternately, all ſtanding, the following hymn for celebrating the* DIVINE PERFECTIONS.

Miniſter.

WE praiſe thee, O GOD: we worſhip thee, the one true, and living GOD; who art infinite and unchangeable in all thy perfections.

People.

Bleſſed art thou, O LORD GOD, *and worthy to be praiſed for ever.*

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

Thou, O GOD, art king of kings, lord of lords, the great and only potentate, the creator and preſerver of all things: thou didſt ſpeak, and the world was made: thy providence ſupports the works of thy hands; and the happineſs of thy creatures is the end of all.

People.

Thou art GOD *over all, bleſſed for evermore.*

Miniſter.

Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever thou hadſt formed the earth and the world, from everlaſting to everlaſting, thou art GOD.

People.

Thou liveſt, and reigneſt for ever.

Miniſter.

Thou art the LORD, and changeſt not: of old haſt thou laid the foundations of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thy hands: theſe ſhall decay, but thou ſhalt endure: thy counſel ſtandeth faſt; and thy thoughts unto all generations.

People.

People.

Thou art the ſame, yeſterday, to-day, and for ever.

Miniſter.

We adore and worſhip thee, a pure and ſpiritual being, whom no man hath ſeen, or can ſee: thou paſſeſt by us on every ſide, but we behold thee not: thou continually workeſt wonders, on the right hand, and on the left; but we do not perceive thee.

People.

Thou art a ſpirit; and they who worſhip thee, muſt worſhip thee in ſpirit, and in truth.

Miniſter.

Whither ſhall we flee from thy preſence! heaven is thy throne; the earth is thy foot-ſtool; and the univerſe is thy habitation.

People.

All things are full of thee.

Miniſter.

Who can withſtand thy power! the mountains ſhall ſhake from their foundations; the rocks melt like wax; and the earth trem-

bleth at thy preſence: thou doeſt whatever thou pleaſeſt in the armies of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the world.

People.

With the LORD *our* GOD *is everlaſting ſtrength.*

Miniſter.

Thou haſt founded the earth by thy wiſdom; and haſt ſtretched out the heavens by thine underſtanding: by thy knowledge the depths are broken up, and the clouds drop down dew: thou art mighty in wiſdom; wonderful in counſel; and excellent in all thy works.

People.

O LORD, *how manifold are thy works! in wiſdom haſt thou made them all.*

Miniſter.

Thou art the righteous LORD, who exerciſeſt judgment in the earth: thy righteouſneſs and thy faithfulneſs reach above the clouds: eternal truth is thy law.

People.

Upright art thou, O LORD, *all thy works are juſt and true.*

Miniſter.

Miniſter.

O LORD GOD, holy and reverend is thy name: thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: ſinners cannot ſtand before thee; but the upright in heart are always in the light of thy countenance.

People.

We reverence thee, O GOD, *for thou art holy.*

Miniſter.

Above all we praiſe thee, we worſhip thee, as the LORD GOD gracious and merciful; the GOD of love, and of all conſolation: thou exerciſeſt loving-kindneſs, mercy, and goodneſs: thou delighteſt to make thy creatures happy: thou doeſt good continually; and thy tender mercies are over all thy works.

People.

O that men would praiſe the LORD *for his goodneſs; and for his wonderful works to the children of men.*

Miniſter.

But who, O LORD, can ſhew forth all thy praiſe! we behold the monuments

of thy power; we trace the footſteps of thy wiſdom; and, every moment of our lives, partake of the riches of thy goodneſs; but none can ſay, how great, and wiſe, and good thou art.

People.

Who can find out thee, the Almighty, unto perfection!

Miniſter.

With one conſent, and with our whole hearts, we would celebrate thy glorious perfections here below; thus endeavouring to prepare ourſelves for the kingdom of heaven, and there to worſhip thee, in a more perfect manner, throughout all ages.

People.

Amen.

¶ *Here the firſt leſſon, out of the Old Teſtament, is to be read: after which the ſervice is to proceed in the following manner; the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

REJOICE in the LORD, all ye people: come, let us exalt his name together. Sing praiſes unto him, and bleſs him;

him; for he is good, and his mercy endureth for ever.

People.

We will give thanks unto the LORD; *we will celebrate his goodneſs with grateful hearts.*

Miniſter.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the father of mercies, we would offer unto thee our unfeigned thankſgivings for the diſcoveries thou haſt made of thyſelf in the works of thy hands; and for thy goodneſs and loving-kindneſs to us, and to all men. We thank thee for our creation; for the breath of life; for the light of reaſon and conſcience; for benevolent and friendly affections; and for all the valuable and uſeful powers, both of body and of mind. We thank thee for our continual preſervation; for the food we eat; for the raiment with which we are cloathed; for the habitations wherein we dwell; for capacity and ability to perform the duties of our ſtations; for health and peace to enjoy the bleſſings of thy providence; for our preſent ſafety; and for the opportunity we now enjoy of expreſſing, in this public manner, the grateful ſenti-

ments of our minds. We thank thee for every perſonal and every family bleſſing; for every friendly and ſocial enjoyment; and for all the agreeable and happy circumſtances of our lives, whether public or private.

People.

Theſe are the gifts of thy bounty, O LORD *our* GOD; *thy name be praiſed for ever.*

Miniſter.

But, above all, we bleſs thee, O ever gracious Father, for thine ineſtimable love, in the redemption of the world, by the goſpel of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. We bleſs thee for the means which thou haſt afforded us, of increaſing in virtue, and of obtaining thy favour, by this thy moſt beloved ſon. We thank thee for thoſe pure and heavenly doctrines which he hath taught, to lead mankind in the way of truth and ſalvation; for thoſe holy and excellent rules of virtue and true religion, which he gave to his diſciples, and through them to the world; and for the amiable and perfect example which he hath left us, that we might follow his ſteps. We thank thee, that in obedience to thy will, and to fulfil all righteouſneſs,

ouſneſs, he ſubmitted unto death; that, being made perfect by ſuffering, he might be exalted to be head over all things to the church, and appointed to judge the world in righteouſneſs. And we bleſs thee, that, by raiſing him from the dead, thou haſt confirmed to us the glorious and animating hope of a future ſtate of exiſtence; that as in Adam all died, even ſo in Chriſt ſhall all be made alive.

People.

Glory be to GOD *in the higheſt, who hath loved us with an everlaſting love.*

Miniſter.

O LORD our GOD, who can number all thy mercies! thy bounty prevents our requeſts: thy goodneſs ſupplies every returning want; and gives us all things richly to enjoy. Write a law of thankfulneſs on our hearts, we beſeech thee, and grant that henceforth we may be filled with the knowledge of thy will in all wiſdom, and be fruitful in every good work.

People.

Give us, O LORD, *a wiſe and an underſtanding ſpirit, that we may be filled with*

the fruits of righteouſneſs, which are by Jeſus Chriſt, unto the glory and praiſe of thy holy name. Amen.

¶ *Here, if any deſire to return praiſe for mercies received, may be read one of the* occaſional thankſgivings.

¶ *Then the ſecond leſſon is to be read, out of the New Teſtament: after that the ſervice to proceed in the following manner; the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

BLESSED is the man whoſe iniquity is not imputed to him; in whoſe heart there is no guile.

To us belong ſhame and confuſion of face, becauſe we have ſinned againſt GOD.

Though your ſins, ſaith JEHOVAH, be as ſcarlet, they ſhall be white as ſnow; though they be red like crimſon, they ſhall be as wool. Surely, then, it is meet to be ſaid unto him, we have done iniquity; for to him belong mercies and forgiveneſs, though we have ſinned againſt him.

Let us, therefore, confeſs and lament our manifold tranſgreſſions before the LORD our GOD.

¶ *The*

¶ *The general confeſſion to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful father, we confeſs, that in many things we have all offended. We have not behaved as thy children; nor have we acted agreeably to our profeſſion as the diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt. We have not duly improved the talents with which thou haſt intruſted us. We have too often neglected our duty to ourſelves, and to our fellow men; and our conſciences witneſs againſt us. With humble and penitent hearts, therefore, would we lament every inſtance of diſobedience before thee, our heavenly father. We lament whatever we have done amiſs, in thought, word, or deed. We lament every offence againſt thee, our neighbour, or ourſelves. And if we have been injurious, unjuſt, or have dealt deceitfully; if we have forgotten thy great loving-kindneſs, and departed from our character as rational creatures, and as chriſtians, we beſeech thee, for thy mercy's ſake, to forgive us. Be merciful unto us, O GOD, be merciful unto us. May thy goodneſs lead us to repentance; may it deſtroy in us every evil inclination, and every vicious

habit; and may it form our minds to a virtuous and heavenly temper. May we feel a fixed abhorrence of ſin; and do thou, whoſe nature is to have mercy and to forgive, behold us, thy penitent creatures, with compaſſion. Thou knoweſt our frame; thou remembereſt that we are but duſt; forgive our ſins, therefore, and cleanſe us from all unrighteouſneſs: and grant that we may bring forth the fruits which are meet for repentance, by walking in newneſs of life, and ſtudying to abound in holineſs, and every good work; thus endeavouring to live in the humble and animating expectation of thy mercy unto eternal life, declared to mankind by Chriſt Jeſus, our Lord.

People.

Waſh us thoroughly from our iniquity, and cleanſe us from our ſin. Create in us, O GOD, *a clean heart, and renew a right ſpirit within us.*

¶ *Here a* pſalm of praiſe *may be ſung: and after that the following prayers to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

A prayer founded on the perfections of GOD.

O GOD, the unchangeable and everlaſting fountain of life, perfection, and happineſs.

happineſs; we lift up our hearts unto thee, the greateſt, wiſeſt, and beſt of beings. We pray, that, from the contemplation of thy works, we may daily increaſe in the knowledge of thee; that we may attain to more pure and worthy conceptions of thy nature and providence; and that we may ever manifeſt a becoming reverence for thy perfections, and a juſt concern for thy honour and ſervice. Under a due ſenſe of thine almighty power, we would avoid thy diſpleaſure, as the worſt of evils. From a full perſuaſion that thou art wiſe in counſel, faithful in thy promiſes, and righteous in all thy ways, we repoſe an unreſerved confidence in all the meaſures of thy providence. As a being perfectly good, we would love thee with all our hearts, and rejoice in thine univerſal government. Above all, we deſire to yield a chearful obedience to thy commands; and by the perſevering love and practice of righteouſneſs, in this world, we humbly pray, that we may be at length prepared for the glorious ſervice of the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

Reſpecting relative duties.

O GOD, who art love, and who dwelleſt in love; we pray that we may earn-

eſtly endeavour to imitate thy conſtant and univerſal goodneſs. We pray that we may behave in our ſeveral ſtations with integrity and benevolence; and that we may diſcover the true ſpirit of piety and goodneſs in all the relations of life. Diſpoſe us to walk within our houſes with perfect hearts; to be faithful and affectionate to our friends; and to be juſt and charitable to all men. Incline us to put on the ornament of a meek, compaſſionate, and forgiving ſpirit; and daily to cultivate and improve every good and generous diſpoſition; that we may thus render ourſelves fit ſubjects for that kingdom, where love, and peace, and joy, and harmony reign for evermore. *Amen.*

Self-government, and the perſonal virtues.

O GOD of wiſdom, teach us, we beſeech thee, the knowledge of ourſelves. May we keep our hearts with all diligence; and, amidſt the trials and changes of this world, maintain a conſtant habit of ſelf-government. In proſperity, may we be humble, temperate, and charitable; remembering that we are men: in adverſity, may we be patient, and wholly reſigned to thine unerring providence. Save us, O gracious GOD;

GOD; preſerve us from anger and malice; from revenge and uncharitableneſs; from pride and preſumption; from the ſnares of the wicked; and from the fatal influence of every evil example. Give us prudence to direct our affairs; reſolution to preſerve our innocence; and wiſdom and conſtancy to retain our integrity as long as we live, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

Relating to temporal mercies.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the giver of every good and perfect gift, we recommend ourſelves, and all our concerns, to the diſpoſal of thy gracious providence. Thou knoweſt what is good for us; and it is our higheſt happineſs that we are under thy fatherly care. In humble ſubmiſſion to thy wiſe and gracious will, we beſeech thee to continue to us the uſe of our underſtanding and reaſon; to bleſs us with health of body, and peace of mind; and to beſtow upon us ſuch a ſhare of the good things of this life, as thou knoweſt to be beſt for us. Conduct us, by thy gracious hand, through all the changes of this world; and may we, at laſt, be perfect and happy, in

in that heavenly inheritance which thou haſt promiſed to all the faithful diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

For all mankind.

O GOD, the father of all mankind, we offer up unto thee our prayers and interceſſions for our fellow creatures, whereever diſperſed. Mercifully regard the work of thy hands. May all people, and nations, and languages acknowledge and worſhip thee, the true GOD. Put an end to idolatry, ſuperſtition, and all falſe religion; and, eſpecially, to perſecution for conſcience ſake. May wiſdom and goodneſs, liberty and peace, charity and happineſs, every where abound, and thy kingdom of truth and righteouſneſs ſpread and flouriſh, until it cover the face of the whole earth. *Amen.*

For our country and its government.

ALMIGHTY and everliving GOD, whoſe kingdom ruleth over all, we humbly beſeech thee to continue thy protection and favour to our country. May true religion more generally prevail among us: may an effectual ſtop be put to the progreſs

progreſs of error, oppreſſion, injuſtice, and all immorality: may truth, righteouſneſs, and charity abound more and more. And, if it ſeemeth good to thy perfect wiſdom, grant that peace may ever be found within our walls, and proſperity within our cities. May all thoſe who are appointed to places of truſt and confidence in our government, be careful they do not abuſe that power with which they are intruſted: may they be aſſiduous in their endeavours to ſecure to us the privileges we already enjoy: and may they ever conſider themſelves as inveſted with authority, in order to become the faithful guardians of our public liberties, and be the happy inſtruments of tranſmitting them to poſterity. May thoſe, whom the people have choſen to repreſent them, poſſeſs the wiſdom to diſcern, and the integrity to purſue the real welfare of our country. May the judges and the magiſtrates of the land endeavour to diſcharge the duties of their office with fidelity, and a good conſcience; that, by their conduct, they may encourage virtue and true religion. And may they all ſeverally contribute to the true intereſts and proſperity of this country, and to the general happineſs of mankind: thus may they each prepare

pare themſelves for thine approbation and acceptance, in that day, when thou wilt make no other diſtinction, among thy rational creatures, than that of the righteous and the wicked. *Amen.*

For the King and royal family.

O THOU, who art the ſupreme LORD of the univerſe, bleſs, we beſeech thee, our King, his Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family. May thy watchful providence evermore defend them from all evil, and proſper them with all good. May they be eminent for wiſdom, and the virtues becoming their high ſtations. Do thou guide them by thy counſel, in this world, that they may, hereafter, be received into thine everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the miniſters of religion.

O GOD, the father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, the fountain of light, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, we humbly beſeech thee to ſend down thy heavenly bleſſing upon the miniſters of religion, of every denomination. May they be ſo repleniſhed with the truth of thy doctrine, and ſo exemplary in unaffected piety and

and goodneſs of life, that they may become the happy means of turning many to righteouſneſs, and of extending the knowledge and promoting the practice of thy pure and holy goſpel, as delivered to mankind by Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the afflicted.

O LORD our GOD, the creator and preſerver of all men, we recommend to thy merciful care all ſuch as are in any kind of affliction: (* *eſpecially thoſe for whom our prayers are deſired:*) may it pleaſe thee to comfort and relieve them according to their ſeveral wants. Do thou be their ſupport and their conſolation: give them reſignation to thy righteous will: grant them, if conſiſtent with the all-wiſe diſpenſations of thy providence, a happy iſſue out of all their troubles and afflictions; and ſo ſanctify every trial, that they may be the means of promoting their virtue and increaſing their piety, to the glory of thy name. *Amen.*

* This to be ſaid when any deſire the prayers of the congregation; or, at the concluſion of this prayer, one of the *occaſional prayers* may be read, at the choice of the *miniſter.*

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Concluding prayer.

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful GOD, thou takeſt pleaſure in thoſe who love and ſerve thee. We humbly beſeech thee favourably to regard the united thankſgivings, and to hear the ſupplications which we, thine imperfect creatures, have now been offering unto thee. We earneſtly pray, that every act of ſocial worſhip may promote in our hearts love to thee, to each other, and to all mankind; and that they may add ſincerity to our piety, ardour to our devotion, and ſtrength to our virtue: thus leading us to cultivate thoſe diſpoſitions and habits, which will prepare us for the moſt exalted ſpheres of action in the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

OUR father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, as in heaven, ſo alſo upon earth. Give us daily, the bread ſufficient for us. And forgive us our offences, as we forgive thoſe who offend us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

¶ *Doxology.*

¶ *Doxology to be ſaid by the* miniſter, *ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to preſent us faultleſs, before the preſence of his glory, with exceeding great joy, to the only wiſe GOD, our Saviour, be honour and glory, dominion and power, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

FIFTH

FIFTH SERVICE.

¶ *The ſervice to be introduced in the following manner by the* miniſter; *the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

REJOICE in JEHOVAH, O ye people: come into his courts with an offering of praiſe; for praiſe is comely for the upright.

Let us worſhip our GOD in the beauty of holineſs: let us magnify him, and exalt his name together; for he is greatly to be praiſed in the congregation of the people; and to be had in reverence of all his creatures.

Come, pay your vows unto JEHOVAH, your GOD. Offer the ſacrifice of thankſgiving unto the rock of our ſalvation. Let us worſhip and glorify him, becauſe he hath dealt bountifully with us. Let us delight to dwell in his houſe; to enquire

enquire in his temple; and to ſhew forth his ſalvation from day to day.

O bleſs JEHOVAH, ye people; and make the voice of his praiſe to be heard. Come, let us worſhip him: let us kneel before JEHOVAH, our maker; and rejoice at the remembrance of his goodneſs to the children of men.

People.

We rejoice in the rock of our ſalvation: we come before his preſence with thankſgiving; for he is good; his mercy is everlaſting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

¶ *The following introductory prayer to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

INFINITELY great, moſt glorious, and ever bleſſed LORD our GOD! The heavens, and the earth, and all things which we behold, ſhew forth thine exiſtence, and declare thy perfections. Thy goodneſs is unchangeable, and thy wiſdom paſt finding out. Thou art exalted in majeſty and power, far above our higheſt conceptions; yet thou regardeſt us with the tenderneſs of a father, and ſheweſt favour and loving-kindneſs to the children of men. We would

would now offer up unto thee, O GOD, our religious addreſſes, encouraged by thy goodneſs, manifeſted unto us, in the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt. May we remember thee, our creator, preſerver, and benefactor, with fear, love, and gratitude: and may we worſhip thee, who art a ſpirit, in ſpirit and in truth; that our various ſervices may be acceptable in thy ſight, and truly beneficial to our own minds. Diſpoſe us to attend to the reading of thy word, as to the dictates of thy wiſdom for the moral improvement of thy creatures. Incline us to ſing thy praiſes with gratitude and devotion; and to hear what ſhall be delivered for our inſtruction, with attention, candour, and humility: thus may we be enabled to become wiſer and better; to be gradually training up for thy heavenly kingdom; and at laſt be admitted to partake of that happineſs which eye hath not ſeen, which ear hath not heard, which it hath not entered into the heart of man to conceive, and which thou haſt promiſed to all the faithful diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the following hymn, for celebrating the* DIVINE PERFECTIONS, *is to be recited by the* miniſter *and* people, *alternately, all ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

WE praiſe thee, O GOD, we acknowledge and adore thee, the one, true, and living GOD, who alone art independent and eternal; whoſe perfections are infinite, and whoſe counſels are unchangeable; who art the greateſt, wiſeſt, and beſt of beings; and who art the confidence and joy of all thoſe to whom thou haſt made thyſelf known. By thy power were the heavens created, and all their hoſt by the breath of thy mouth: thy hand preſerveth them in being: they are the miniſters of thy good pleaſure. Thou diſpoſeſt all things in perfect wiſdom; and maintaineſt the beauty and order of thy works. All creatures are ſubject to thy direction; and thou aſſigneſt them their proper ſtation and duty. With the higheſt veneration we preſent our addreſſes to thee, a being of almighty power and unerring wiſdom: but in an eſpecial manner, do we acknowledge, with unfeigned love and joyful confidence, thine infinite and everlaſting goodneſs. Thou art the fountain of happineſs: and thou diffuſeſt thy bleſſings through all the works of thy hands. The heavens declare thy glory: the earth is full of thy goodneſs: the day

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is thine; the night, alſo, is thine; and thou makeſt the morning and evening to rejoice. All the works of thy hands, and all the ordinances of thy providence, bear teſtimony that thou art infinitely great, and wiſe, and good. The higheſt and moſt exalted angels adore thee, O LORD, who art good, and doeſt good continually; who art wiſe in heart, wonderful in counſel, and excellent in working. We, thine intelligent creatures in this world, join our tribute of joyful praiſe to thee, O GOD, the ſovereign creator and LORD of all: thou alone art worthy to receive glory, and honour, and praiſe, from all thy creatures.

People.

O GOD, *thy perfections fill our hearts with love and joy; and our lips ſhew forth thy praiſe.*

Miniſter.

Thou, O GOD, art the creator of mankind: thy hands have made us, and faſhioned us. Thou haſt breathed into us the breath of life; and, by thine inſpiration, haſt given us underſtanding.

People.

People.

O GOD, *thou haſt made us, and not we ourſelves: we are thy people, and the ſheep of thy paſture.*

Miniſter.

O thou moſt high GOD, poſſeſſor of heaven and earth, the preſerver of all, the judge of all, and the univerſal king. Thy government is righteous: thy providence perfect: and all thy commandments are holy, juſt, and good. The obedience of all reaſonable creatures is due to thee alone, the king of kings, the lord of lords, the bleſſed and only potentate.

People.

We bow ourſelves before thee, thy willing ſubjects: thy commandments are true and righteous altogether.

Miniſter.

O GOD, thou art our creator and righteous governor. We rejoice in the being we have received from thee. We addreſs thee as our father, who haſt made us to bear thine image; and to partake of the bleſſings of thy family. And we rejoice in that paternal care, which thou haſt ma-

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nifeſted towards us, ever ſince thou gaveſt us life.

People.

We are thy children; and we would place our confidence in thee, whoſe counſel is our guide, and whoſe favour our higheſt happineſs.

Miniſter.

Now unto the king eternal, immortal, inviſible, GOD only wiſe; be honour and glory, through Jeſus Chriſt, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

¶ *Here the firſt leſſon, out of the Old Teſtament, is to be read: after which the ſervice is to proceed in the following manner; the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

GIVE unto JEHOVAH the glory due unto his name; give thanks unto him: praiſe him, for all his wonderful works.

People.

We will praiſe the name of our GOD, *and*

and will magnify him with thankſgiving; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Miniſter.

EVER gracious and moſt merciful father, we render unto thee our ſincere thanks for the manifold mercies we are continually receiving from thy hands; and we deſire to recollect them with ſentiments of religious gratitude; and with hearty purpoſes to act agreeably to them. Thou, O GOD, art the giver of all good: thou delighteſt in the happineſs of thy creatures; and art daily imparting to them the riches of thy bounty. We thank thee, eſpecially, for all the inſtances of thy goodneſs to ourſelves. By thee are all our wants ſupplied: from thee do all our enjoyments proceed: and thou crowneſt our days with thy goodneſs. To thy kind and merciful providence are we indebted for all the fruits of our induſtry and labour. We thank thee for our reaſon and underſtanding; and for all the treaſures of knowledge which thou haſt opened to our view. We thank thee that thou haſt formed us for the practice of virtue and true religion; and that thou haſt given us many opportunities for the improvement of our minds, and the attain-

ment of our higheſt happineſs. We thank thee, that we are placed in a ſocial ſtate; that we are endued with ſocial affections; and that we enjoy ſuch a variety of pleaſures, from the eſteem and friendſhip of our brethren. To thy goodneſs we aſcribe all the enjoyments we receive from the practice of virtue, and the juſt exerciſe of our powers; from the variety of trials which thou haſt appointed for the improvement and perfection of our natures here; and from the proſpect thou giveſt us of a more perfect and happy ſtate hereafter.

People.

We lift up our hearts in gratitude to thee, O GOD: *we bleſs thee for all thy benefits.*

Miniſter.

We bleſs thee, thou wiſe and benevolent diſpoſer of all things, for the various diſpenſations of thy providence, in favour of religion and the happineſs of mankind, throughout the ſeveral ages of the world. We bleſs thee for thoſe divine meſſengers which thou didſt ſend to thy choſen people, from time to time; by whoſe inſtructions and example thy light and truth have been preſerved, in the darkeſt times of ignorance and

and idolatry. Above all, we thank thee, merciful father, for the diſplay of the exceeding riches of thy goodneſs to all mankind, in Chriſt Jeſus; by whom thou haſt made every neceſſary proviſion for our improvement in the knowledge and practice of true religion. Bleſſed be thy name, O GOD, for this thy moſt beloved ſon, whom thou didſt ſend to declare unto mankind thy heavenly will; to ſave them from ignorance and vice; and to lead them, by his heavenly inſtructions and amiable example, to the love and practice of univerſal goodneſs. We offer up our moſt joyful gratitude to thee, the GOD and father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, that by him we are aſſured of pardon, and thy favourable acceptance, upon our return to obedience and virtue. We thank thee, that he hath opened before us the ſolemnities of a future judgment; and that he hath confirmed to us the joyful hope of glory, honour, and immortality.

People.

Bleſſed be the GOD *and father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt; for he is good, and his mercies endure for ever.*

¶ *Here, if any deſire to return praiſe for mercies received, may be read one of the* occaſional thankſgivings.

¶ *Then the ſecond leſſon is to be read out of the New Teſtament: after that the ſervice to proceed in the following manner; the* congregation *riſing up.*

Miniſter.

IF men will confeſs their iniquity, and the offences with which they have offended GOD, he will remember mercy.

If any man ſay, I have ſinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profiteth me not, GOD will deliver him from the power of the grave, and his life ſhall ſee light.

He who covereth his ſins ſhall not proſper; but whoſo confeſſeth and forſaketh them, ſhall have mercy. Let us, therefore, make confeſſion of our ſin unto the LORD our GOD; let us declare our iniquity; and be ſorry before him.

¶ *The general confeſſion to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful father, we confeſs that we have often ſinned

ſinned againſt thee. We have too frequently diſregarded thine authority; and abuſed thy goodneſs. We have acted inconſiſtently with our chriſtian character; and have departed from the holy commandments delivered unto us. We have been unmindful of that excellent and heavenly example ſet us by Chriſt Jeſus. We have forgotten the ſure and precious promiſes to which we are called. But thou, O GOD, delighteſt in mercy; ſuffer us not, therefore, to periſh in our tranſgreſſions; and ſave us eſpecially from the dominion of them, for the time to come. Grant us thy favourable aſſiſtance in the future part of our lives; and induce us to act agreeably to the profeſſion we make. Give us ſuch a deep perſuaſion of the evil of ſin, and of the importance and excellency of a holy and virtuous life, that we may carefully abſtain from all iniquity, and be filled with the fruits of righteouſneſs, which are to thy honour and glory. Our only hope of ſalvation is on thy mercy: on thy mercy thou haſt encouraged us to hope: and thou haſt been pleaſed to declare by Jeſus Chriſt, that, if we return to the obedience of thy commandments, thou wilt have mercy, and forgive us. Vouchſafe

unto us, we beſeech thee, the light of thy countenance; and eſtabliſh our minds in a wiſh to obtain thine approbation, and to ſecure thy favour and acceptance unto eternal life, through the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord.

People.

Hear the confeſſions of thy ſervants, and their ſupplications, O our GOD: *hear, and forgive: and incline our hearts to obſerve all thy ſtatutes to do them.*

¶ *Here a* pſalm of praiſe *may be ſung: and, after that, the following prayers to be read by the* miniſter, *kneeling.*

A prayer for the knowledge and improvement of religious truth.

O MERCIFUL GOD, who art the father of lights, and fountain of all wiſdom, enlighten our minds, we beſeech thee, with the knowledge of all uſeful truths; may they ſink deep into our hearts, and influence our whole conduct. Having a ſtedfaſt faith in thy perfections, may we act with integrity, and order our whole converſation, as in thy ſight. May we preſerve

ſerve a conſtant regard to the perfect adminiſtration of thy providence; and receive, with ſubmiſſion and chearfulneſs, whatever thou appointeſt. By the knowledge of thee, who alone art good, may we improve in the love of goodneſs; and may the hope we are encouraged to entertain of thy continual ſupport and aſſiſtance, animate us in the practice of all good works. May the manifeſtation of thy mercy to mankind, by Jeſus Chriſt, awaken in us an utter averſion to ſin; may it engage us to excel in every virtue; and conſtantly to purſue, what thou, the righteous judge, approveſt, and wilt finally reward and honour. By a diligent attention to the truths of our moſt holy religion, may our minds be purified from all corrupt and ſenſual paſſions; and may we acquire a more perfect command over ourſelves. Diſpoſe us to follow the example of Jeſus, in the practice of all goodneſs, that we may never be weary of well doing. Above all, we pray, that, by the expectation of a glorious immortality, our virtue may be ſupported, and our peace ſecured, until we are removed from the preſent, to a higher ſtate of being; and thus become partakers of that everlaſting

happineſs which thou haſt promiſed to thy virtuous and faithful ſervants. *Amen.*

For the practice of particular duties.

O GRACIOUS GOD, from whom all holy and good deſires do proceed, produce in our minds, we beſeech thee, thoſe ſentiments which may diſpoſe us to all the duties of life; that, in humility and meekneſs, we may walk before thee; and, being content with ſuch things as we have, may leave every future event to thine all-wiſe appointment. Incline us to thy worſhip and ſervice; and to all the offices of piety and devotion due from us to thee, our heavenly father. Teach us to enjoy the gifts of thy bounty, with thankfulneſs; and to paſs through the afflictions which thou mayeſt appoint for us, with patience and ſubmiſſion to thy holy will. Aſſiſt us in the diſcharge of all ſocial and relative duties. May we be honeſt in all our dealings, and delight in doing good. May we be ready to relieve the poor, and to ſhow compaſſion to all who are in diſtreſs. May we be grateful to our friends, forgive our enemies, and always do to others, as we would they ſhould do to us. Eſtabliſh in our

our minds a prevailing deſire to bear a nearer reſemblance to thee, the ſource of all perfection; and to be in a ſtate of continual improvement and preparation for the happineſs which thou haſt provided for all good men, from the foundation of the world. And grant, O moſt merciful father, that by thus expreſſing before thee, the deſires of our hearts, we may be more determined to live according to thy commandments; and ſo attain that peace of mind which is thy peculiar gift; and, after a comfortable and happy life, be advanced to thine everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

Reſpecting external things.

O GOD, our heavenly father, to the direction of thy wiſe and unerring providence do we entirely commit ourſelves. Safe under thy protection, and happy in thy favour, we would chearfully follow where thou pleaſeſt to conduct us. We deſire only that portion of the good things of this life, which thou ſeeſt to be fit for us; and would decline no ſufferings, which thou ſhalt appoint, for the trial and improvement of our virtue. Save us, we beſeech thee, from the ſnares of proſperity and ad-

verſity. Suffer us not to forget thee in our abundance; or to queſtion thy goodneſs in our diſtreſs. In health and in ſickneſs, in life and in death, may we lift up our hearts unto thee; and make thy goodneſs alone our confidence and joy. And may we ſo paſs through the changing ſcenes of the preſent world, that we may be prepared for the pure and unmixed happineſs of thy glorious preſence, for evermore. *Amen.*

For all chriſtian churches.

WE beſeech thee, O GOD of love and mercy, to grant thy bleſſing to all thoſe who profeſs the faith of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt. Suffer not their diviſions to injure the cauſe of truth and liberty. Favourably aſſiſt thoſe who love thy holy name, in all their ſincere endeavours to reform the abuſes which have entered into thy church; and to promote the peace and union of chriſtians. Give to all who make profeſſion of chriſtianity, juſt ſentiments of its nature and tendency: fill their hearts with love to thee, and to each other: may they approve themſelves the faithful diſciples of Jeſus: and may they become the inſtruments of diffuſing virtue and happineſs in the world. *Amen.*

For

For the advancement of chriſtian knowledge.

O LORD, who wouldeſt have all men to be ſaved, fill the minds of all thy rational creatures with the knowledge of thy truth. Cauſe thy light to ſhine upon thoſe who live in mental darkneſs; and diſpel the prejudices under which they labour. Above all, we pray that thou wouldeſt deliver them from every evil affection; and lead them into the way of truth and happineſs. May thy goſpel, as made known to mankind by Jeſus Chriſt, prevail throughout the world; and, by the power of its truth and the exemplary conduct of thoſe who profeſs it, may it enter the hearts, and govern the lives of all the inhabitants of the earth; and thus render all nations, and kingdoms, and tribes of men, virtuous, righteous, and happy. *Amen.*

For the civil happineſs of mankind.

O LORD our GOD, who ruleſt in all the nations of the world, reform, we beſeech thee, all thoſe civil diſorders which ariſe from the evil paſſions of men. Proſper the juſt deſigns of all thoſe who delight in peace. May the bleſſings of free, equal,

and peaceful government become univerſal over the habitable globe. Under the influence of good laws and a righteous adminiſtration, may the advantages of civil ſociety be extended through every ſtate and kingdom of the world; and the beſt intereſts of mankind be hereby effectually ſecured. And, whilſt thy creatures enjoy the gifts of thy bounty, may they unite in praiſe and thankſgiving to thee, the author of all good. *Amen.*

For our country and its government.

WE commit to thee, our merciful protector, all the important intereſts of our country. Grant, we beſeech thee, that we may ever live in ſafety; and that we may enjoy the bleſſings thy providence hath beſtowed upon us, in tranquillity and peace. Mercifully preſerve us from all public calamities: and, that we may eſcape the deſtructive evils which thou appointeſt for wicked nations, may we be diſpoſed to a general reformation of manners. May real religion and virtue ſo prevail among us, that we may evermore enjoy the bleſſings of peace; and that our liberties may be preſerved inviolate, and handed down to the lateſt

lateſt poſterity. And may thoſe who are appointed to fill the confidential and important offices of our government, be poſſeſſed of penetration, fidelity, and zeal to advance the true intereſts of this country; and to promote the peace and happineſs of mankind. May they be diſpoſed ſo to regulate our trade and commerce, as that they may become inſtruments of good to the whole nation. May thoſe who, from time to time, aſſiſt in the council of ſtate, or of parliament, be men of integrity; and riſe nobly ſuperior to every ſelfiſh conſideration, and to every intereſted view. May all thoſe who are appointed to diſpenſe juſtice, be careful to cultivate a quick diſcernment and impartiality: as men of influence, may they diſcourage profaneneſs and vice; and thus promote the virtue and happineſs of our country. And may each of them ſo endeavour to render themſelves truly uſeful in this world, that they may hereafter be advanced to thy heavenly and everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

For the King and royal family.

O THOU, who art the ſupreme and righteous governor of the world, we recommend to the care of thy providence, our

our King, his Queen, the Prince of Wales, and all the royal family. Fill their hearts with every chriſtian virtue. By the influence of a good example, and by a wiſe and faithful diſcharge of the duties of their high ſtations, may they become great and extenſive bleſſings to all ranks of men among us: thus may their virtue and their happineſs be continually increaſing in this world, that they may hereafter be crowned with immortal glory, and never-ending felicity. *Amen.*

For the miniſters of religion.

O GOD, the father of mercies, and the father of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, we recommend to thy merciful regard all the miniſters of religion. We humbly beſeech thee, that their pious and faithful endeavours to extend the knowledge of thy truth, and to promote the love and practice of thy law and thy commands, may be favourably received, and become ſucceſsful. May they be ſolicitous to do honour to the doctrines and the duties they preach, by diſpenſing them with integrity and zeal, in their public ſervices, and in their private lives. Do thou ſo direct them, in the way of

of righteouſneſs, that they may be faithful ſtewards of the truſt committed to their care, and be hereafter admitted to more elevated ſpheres of uſefulneſs in the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

General prayer.

O THOU, who art the GOD and father of all mankind, we rejoice in thine univerſal providence; and with full confidence commit to thy direction all the circumſtances of our fellow-creatures. Thou art the fountain of all bleſſings: thou delighteſt in doing good. Grant, we beſeech thee, that all the inhabitants of the world may perceive thy hand in the advantages they enjoy; may they be diſpoſed to render thee their humble thankſgivings for all the inſtances of thy mercy and goodneſs; and, by their gratitude to thee, may their good diſpoſitions be improved, and their happineſs increaſed continually. Bleſs thoſe, who are rich in this world, with a diſpoſition to do good. May they become the means of diffuſing public and private bleſſings; and be faithful ſtewards of the manifold bounties of thy providence. May the poor be ſober, honeſt, and diligent in their ſtations, and confide

confide in thy providence. And may all men be thankful to thee for the bleſſings thou art pleaſed to beſtow upon them. And we pray, O merciful father, that thou wilt favourably regard all our brethren in affliction: (* *eſpecially thoſe for whom our prayers are deſired:*) may thy wiſdom be their direction; thy power their ſupport; and thy goodneſs their confidence: and by a patient behaviour under their afflictions, and a thankful acknowledgement of all thy mercies, may they be prepared for unmixed happineſs in a future and better world. And do thou vouchſafe thy favour to all orders of men among us: by a diligent and chearful diſcharge of the duties of their ſeveral ſtations, may they contribute their part to the public welfare, and the happineſs of the world. Bleſs, O GOD of love, thoſe who hate us: do good to thoſe who deſpitefully uſe us, and perſecute us: incline them to more chriſtian diſpoſitions. Diſpoſe our hearts to live in harmony and friendſhip with all mankind.

* This to be ſaid when any deſire the prayers of the congregation; or, at the concluſion of this prayer, one of the *occaſional prayers* may be read, at the choice of the *miniſter*.

Beſtow

Beſtow upon us every thing truly good; and may we, with one mind, acknowledge and praiſe thee, who art good, and who doeſt good to all thy creatures; that we may thus prepare ourſelves for the happineſs promiſed to mankind by Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

Concluding prayer.

MERCIFULLY regard, O heavenly Father, theſe our prayers, which we have now offered for ourſelves, and for others. Continue to us ſuch meaſures of the good things of this life as thou ſeeſt to be beſt for us. Preſerve and protect us evermore by thy kind providence. May we learn the right uſe of all our enjoyments. May we be led to a wiſe and careful improvement of all thy mercies, manifeſted to the world by Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord; whom thou haſt exalted above men and angels; to whom thou haſt given a kingdom; and by whom thou haſt promiſed to beſtow immortal life and happineſs upon all thy ſincere and faithful ſervants: by his inſtructions and example we deſire to govern our lives; and, in the truth and practice of his goſpel, we wiſh to end them. *Amen.*

OUR

OUR father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, as in heaven, ſo alſo upon earth. Give us daily, the bread ſufficient for us. And forgive us our offences, as we forgive thoſe who offend us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. *Amen.*

¶ *Doxology to be ſaid by the* miniſter, *ſtanding.*

Miniſter.

NOW unto him who is able to keep us from falling, and to preſent us faultleſs, before the preſence of his glory, with exceeding great joy, to the only wiſe GOD, our Saviour, be honour and glory, dominion and power, for ever and ever.

People.

Amen.

APPENDIX.

OCCASIONAL

PRAYERS

AND

THANKSGIVINGS.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

¶ *The prayers following to be uſed at the diſcretion of the* miniſter.

A prayer adapted to the ſpring ſeaſon.

O LORD, the creator and preſerver of all things, who, with unerring wiſdom, maintaineſt the beauty and order of thy works; we look up, with joy and confidence, unto thy benevolent power, which cauſes the returning ſeaſons to know their place. Thou haſt ſent forth thy power; thou haſt renewed the face of nature: bleſs, we beſeech thee, the ſpringing of the year; and enrich the earth with the rain of heaven. May the graſs grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits for the ſervice of man. May our paſtures be cloathed with flocks; our

our vallies covered with corn; and the year crowned with thy goodneſs. And may we ſo improve the various bleſſings of thy providence in this world, as to be prepared for the unchangeable felicities of thine everlaſting kingdom. *Amen.*

Adapted to the ſeaſon of harveſt.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the fountain of all goodneſs, in whoſe power alone it is to give fruitful ſeaſons, and to fill our hearts with joy and gladneſs; we lift up our eyes unto thee, from whom our hope cometh, beſeeching thee to preſerve unto us the appointed weeks of harveſt, and to give us ſeaſonable weather for ripening and gathering in the fruits of the earth, that in due time we may enjoy them. Suffer not the hopes of the huſbandman to fail; and may the poor be ſupplied with bread. Do thou bleſs us with the bounties of thy providence; and may we evermore live to thy praiſe, in a wiſe, grateful, and temperate enjoyment of thy mercies, who art the only giver of all good. *Amen.*

For rain.

BLESSED GOD! be merciful to us thine unworthy creatures, who would humble ourſelves before thee, confeſſing, that we have greatly abuſed thy goodneſs. Juſtly mighteſt thou withdraw the comforts and conveniences of life from us, by making the land itſelf to mourn, and all that grows upon it to wither. In judgment, remember mercy, we beſeech thee. And do thou, who haſt all the powers of nature at thy command, be pleaſed to cauſe the rain to come down, in its due ſeaſon, making the graſs to grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits for the ſervice of man. But, whatever thou art pleaſed to appoint, diſpoſe us to ſuppreſs all murmurings at any of the ways of thine all-wiſe providence, to ſubmit humbly to its diſpenſations, and to improve daily in piety, humility, patience, and reſignation. Thus may we become more worthy of the bleſſings we want, and pray for from thine all-bounteous hand. And, when they are beſtowed upon us, may we receive them with thankfulneſs and gratitude of heart, endeavouring to improve thereby, to the glory of thy holy name. *Amen.*

For fair weather.

O LORD, our GOD, righteous and juſt art thou. We deſire gratefully to acknowledge thine almighty power, in all our ways. And we humbly beſeech thee to put a ſtop to that calamity, which threatens to deſtroy the works of thy hands. Suffer not the rain, which, in its ſeaſon, is one of thy rich bleſſings, to be converted into the cauſe of our diſtreſs; or to deſcend (*with ſuch violence, or*) in ſuch abundance, as to ſpoil and corrupt the fruits of the earth. Cauſe the overflowing ſhowers to ceaſe. Take not away our hope. Deſtroy not our bleſſings. May the land yield its increaſe. And do thou give us a ſeaſonable time to gather in the productions of the earth, which thy bounty doth provide for us: and, in the uſe of them, may we thankfully and chearfully ſerve thee, the ever-flowing fountain of all our mercies. *Amen.*

To be uſed on occaſion of any violent ſtorm.

GREAT and glorious LORD, our GOD, almighty in power, and unſearchable in all thy ways; at whoſe rebuke the

the earth trembles, and the foundation of the hills do ſhake: Thou doſt ſend forth thy thunder and thy lightnings to the ends of the heavens: Thou doſt command the winds, and the ſea, and they obey. We, the children of men, proſtrate ourſelves before thy throne, adoring the greatneſs of thy majeſty, and imploring thy favour and mercy to us. Awaken our attention duly to conſider the voice of thy providence; and poſſeſs our hearts with a holy reverence of thy power, and a humble confidence in thy goodneſs. It is of thy goodneſs that we have not been conſumed: in the midſt of the moſt wonderful inſtances of thy power, thou remembereſt mercy; ſhewing forth the care of thy providence in our preſervation. May the remembrance of theſe things produce in us thankfulneſs of heart, and ſuch ſerioufneſs of mind, that no calamity may ever ſurpriſe us, nor death itſelf find us unprepared; and this we aſk for the ſake of that goodneſs which thou didſt manifeſt by Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

To be read in time of war.

O ALMIGHTY GOD, who art the ſupreme governor of all things, to whom it juſtly belongeth to puniſh ſinful

nations, and to be merciful to thoſe who repent: We humbly beſeech thee, in this time of our danger, to be the defender of our country. Give us not up into the hands of our enemies. Save us from the edge of the ſword. Preſerve our land from the deſolations of war. Continue us in the undiſturbed profeſſion of the religion of Jeſus. Continue us in the enjoyment of all our liberties; and grant that our government may be wiſe, juſt, and equal. With all humility we acknowledge ourſelves unworthy of ſuch bleſſings; but we beſeech thee, O our GOD, to have mercy upon our country. Send forth a ſpirit of reformation among us. Avert the evils we have deſerved. Continue thy favour and protection to us. Save us, and deliver us; for in thee would we truſt. Reſtore tranquillity and peace to contending nations. Unite the hearts of mankind in the bonds of humanity and love. May that promiſed time ſpeedily come, when the calamities of war ſhall ceaſe for ever; and when peace and righteouſneſs ſhall univerſally prevail, to the glory and honour of thy name. *Amen.*

To

To be uſed in a time of remarkable ſcarcity.

O GOD, our heavenly father, by whoſe wiſe and benevolent appointment it is that the rain doth fall, the earth is fruitful, and the beaſts increaſe; we beſeech thee favourably to regard the preſent afflictions of the land. Leſſen the diſtreſſes of the miſerable; and may the cries of the poor come unto thee. Do thou, in mercy to us, cauſe the fruits of the earth to increaſe, and turn our ſcarcity into plenty. Grant, we beſeech thee, that we may improve the bounties of thy providence to thy praiſe, in relieving, to the utmoſt of our power, the wants of others, and by thankfully acknowledging and chearfully ſerving thee, the author and giver of all our enjoyments and bleſſings. *Amen.*

Adapted to a time of general ſickneſs.

ALMIGHTY and moſt merciful GOD, whoſe all-wiſe providence ordereth all things both in heaven and in earth; we humbly ſupplicate thee, in this time of calamity, in behalf of our fellow-creatures and friends, who are ſuffering under the grievous ſickneſs with which thou

art pleaſed to viſit us. May the everlaſting arms of thy mercy ſupport them, and the conſideration of thy fatherly goodneſs ſtrengthen and comfort their minds, in this time of their diſtreſs. Sanctify this general affliction to the reformation of our manners, and the improvement of our virtue: and cauſe us to rejoice in the humble hope, that every thing ſhall work together for good. In the midſt of life we are in death: of whom may we ſeek for ſuccour, but of thee, O GOD? we pray thee, therefore, to reſtrain the progreſs of the diſorder, if it be agreeable to thy holy and righteous will. May thoſe lives that are yet ſpared be devoted to thy ſervice; and may we, and all thy ſervants, be prepared for every event of thy providence; that, whether living or dying, we may have an intereſt in thy mercies unto eternal life. *Amen.*

For a ſick perſon.

MOST merciful LORD our GOD, we humbly recommend to thy paternal care thy *ſervant*, who is deſirous of being remembered in our public addreſſes unto thee. If it ſeem good in thy ſight, bleſs the means which are uſed for the removal

moval of the diſorder, and reſtore *him* to health and uſefulneſs. Enable *him*, in patience, to poſſeſs *his* ſoul, and to reſign *himſelf* to thine all-wiſe diſpoſal. And may every diſeaſe which we feel in ourſelves, or obſerve in others, make us more ſenſible of the frailty of our nature; and engage us to apply our hearts, with greater diligence, to that wiſdom which will prepare us for death and eternity. *Amen.*

For a perſon under diſorder of mind.

O THOU, the father and friend of thy creatures, the GOD of all conſolation, we humbly beſeech thee to be merciful to thy *ſervant*, whoſe mind is diſquieted and troubled within him. If thou ſeeſt fit, ſtrengthen the enfeebled power of reaſon; that it may be capable of controuling the diſorders of the imagination, and may miniſter light and comfort to his ſoul. Grant unto thy *ſervant* the due government of *his* thoughts, and that compoſure of mind, which ſhall qualify *him* for returning to the duties of *his* ſtation, and render the continuance of *his* life a bleſſing to *himſelf* and to *his* friends. But, whatever ſhall be the determination of thine unerring wiſdom,

teach all, who are concerned for *him*, to acquieſce in it; and to ſay from the heart, not our will, but thine, be done. *Amen.*

For a ſick child, or youth.

MERCIFUL and heavenly father, we beſeech thee favourably to regard a *child*, (or *youth*) who is now afflicted with diſorder of body. With ſubmiſſion to thy will, we pray, that thou wouldeſt render effectual the means which are uſed for the removal of the diſtemper; and grant unto *his* friends the deſire of their hearts, in *his* recovery. Eſpecially we pray, if thou ſhalt graciouſly pleaſe to ſpare *him*, that *he* may live to the glory of thee, *his* great preſerver: but, whatever ſhall be the iſſue of this viſitation, endue the minds of thy *ſervants*, whom it more nearly concerns, with reſignation to the appointment of thy providence; that they may henceforth live in thy fear, and to thy glory. *Amen.*

For a perſon at the point of death.

ALMIGHTY GOD! thou liveſt for ever: but we are all of us dying creatures; and our breath is in thy hands. We humbly recommend to thy compaſſionate

ſionate regard thy *ſervant* who wiſhes to be remembered in our ſupplications to thee. Be thou *his* rock and refuge, *his* ſupport and comfort; lay no more upon *him* than thou wilt enable *him* to bear: ſtrengthen *his* faith in thy promiſes: animate *his* hopes in thy future favour and love. Grant *him* eaſe of body as well as comfort in *his* mind; that the paſſage from this, to the heavenly world, may be ſmooth, as well as ſafe. May *he* be under thine almighty protection, till the reſurrection of the dead; and then ariſe to life everlaſting, through Jeſus Chriſt, who was the firſt born from the dead. *Amen.*

For a perſon who has received any caſual hurt.

O GOD of mercy, we offer unto thee our ſupplications for thy *ſervant* (or *a child*, or *a youth*) who is now ſuffering by a ſudden caſualty, which thou haſt permitted to befal *him*. We bleſs thee that the conſequences were not immediately fatal; and for every favourable circumſtance attending the caſe. We pray unto thee, from whom cometh our help under all the calamities of life, that thou wouldeſt abate *his* pains, and prevent the farther danger that might enſue. Give ſucceſs to the at-

tempts of human ſkill for *his* recovery; and grant *him* to bear whatever thou ſhalt pleaſe to lay upon *him*. And may a due ſenſe of the weakneſs of our frame, and the many unforeſeen evils to which we are expoſed in our paſſage through this world, ſerve to animate the acknowledgments of our dependence upon thee, and keep us ſteadfaſt in the path of thy commandments: that thou, the eternal GOD, mayeſt be our refuge; and the hope of thy favour, the rejoicing of our hearts, at all times. *Amen.*

For a woman drawing near to the time of child-bearing.

O GOD, the author of life, the fountain of happineſs, and the kind preſerver of thoſe who put their truſt in thee, mercifully regard thy hand-maid who, in the congregation of thy people, would humbly implore thine aid to carry her ſafely through the trying ſcene that awaits her. Preſerve her from all diſtreſſing fears: make her the joyful mother of a living and perfect child. In the multitude of her thoughts within her, may the promiſes of thy word, and the conſolations of thy goſpel, be the ſupport of her mind unto her appointed time; and,

and, in the hour of danger, ariſe, O GOD, for her help, and ſave her, to magnify thy holy name. *Amen.*

For a perſon entering into buſineſs.

O THOU, who appointeſt unto the children of men their ſeveral ſituations in life, and upon whoſe providence they depend for the ſucceſs of their undertakings; command thy bleſſing on thoſe who are entering on the buſineſs of their ſecular callings. Teach them to make the beſt improvement of that portion of temporal good, with which thou ſhalt ſee fit to entruſt them. Prepare their minds for the trial of worldly loſſes and diſappointments. And, amidſt all their cares for this life, may they preſerve a ſupreme attention to the one thing which is moſt needful; and ſecure that better part which can never be taken from them. *Amen.*

For a perſon who is going, or is on, a journey.

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Whereſoever *he* goes, may *he* maintain upon *his* mind a due ſenſe of thy preſence and inſpection; and may all *his* ways pleaſe thee. Preſerve *him* from all harm; and may *he* return to *his* friends in circumſtances of health and comfort; that *he* and they may rejoice together in thy goodneſs towards *him*. *Amen.*

For a perſon who is going, or is on, a voyage.

O LORD GOD omnipotent, who commandeſt the winds, and ruleſt the raging of the waters, we preſent unto thee our humble ſupplications for thy *ſervant*, who *is* going (or *is*) on the mighty waters. Defend *him*, if it pleaſe thee, from the raging ſtorm, and horrible tempeſt, and from every other danger to which *he* may be expoſed. Succeed *him* in all *his* lawful and honourable deſigns. Preſerve *him* to enjoy the gifts of thy bounty, to partake of the benefits of ſociety, and the pleaſures of domeſtic life. And may the view of thy wonders in the deep enlarge *his* heart in reverence, love, and gratitude to thee, the preſerver of men; and *his* future conduct ſhow forth thy praiſe. *Amen.*

For a perſon under any particular affliction.

MOST merciful GOD, our helper and our refuge in the day of trouble, favourably regard thy *ſervant*, who is now exerciſed with afflictive trials. If it be conſiſtent with thine all-wiſe deſigns, ſend deliverance for *him*, and may *his* ſorrow be turned into joy and praiſe. But, above all, we pray, that thou wouldeſt enable *him* to maintain a becoming temper of mind under *his* adverſities, and to learn obedience from them; that they may work out for *him* a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory. *Amen.*

For ſuch as are unavoidably detained from public worſhip.

GREAT and glorious GOD, who filleſt heaven and earth with thy preſence, we beſeech thee favourably to regard *ſuch* as *are* neceſſarily and unavoidably prevented joining us in the ſervice of thy houſe. Supply the want of the public means of improvement, by thy divine influence accompanying *their* private reading, meditation, and prayer. Bring to *their* recollection, and impreſs on *their* hearts, what *they* have here-

heretofore heard and read of the great things of religion and ſalvation; that *they* may thus improve *their* pious diſpoſitions, and confirm *their* virtuous habits. And, in thine own due time, bring *them* to join with us in the pleaſing duties and employments of thy temple: and, hereafter, unite *them* and us to the general aſſembly of the virtuous and the good, in the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

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THANKSGIVINGS.

¶ *The following thankſgivings to be uſed at the diſcretion of the* miniſter.

A thankſgiving for a plentiful harveſt.

ALMIGHTY and ever bleſſed GOD, who mercifully ſupplieſt the wants of thy creatures, and art continually giving teſtimonies of thy kind providence towards them; we rejoice, at this time, with humble thankfulneſs, in the gifts of thine undeſerved bounty. We thank thee that thou haſt cauſed the earth to yield its increaſe; (* *that thou haſt turned our ſcarcity into plenty*;) and that thou haſt crowned the year with thy goodneſs. Whilſt thou art thus ſending down thy bleſſings upon us, may we be

* To be read after a time of ſcarcity.

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diſpoſed to live in a ſober, temperate enjoyment of them; and to bring forth the fruits of holineſs and righteouſneſs in our lives. *Amen.*

For rain.

O THOU Father of mercies, we bleſs thee that thou haſt refreſhed the dry and thirſty land by ſeaſonable rains. We thank thee for the plentiful proviſion which thou doſt make for the ſubſiſtence and comfort of thy creatures. We bleſs and praiſe thee for thy goodneſs, and for thy wonderful works to the children of men. May a grateful ſenſe of thy mercy to us, lead us to greater diligence in our duty. May our lives ſhow forth thy praiſe; and mayſt thou, our GOD and father, be glorified by us in all things. *Amen.*

For fair weather.

O LORD our GOD! with gratitude and joy we praiſe and bleſs thee for thy great kindneſs to us, in changing the face of the heavens, and in checking the overflowing ſhowers of rain, which threatened to deſtroy the productions of the earth. Thou haſt been pleaſed to give us cauſe of rejoicing

rejoicing inſtead of mourning: bleſſed be thy name who haſt thus mercifully dealt with us. Glory be to thee, thou unwearied giver of all good, thou benevolent withholder of evil. Thou makeſt us to know and feel, from our own happy experience, how abundantly good and kind thou art. Diſpoſe us to improve thy bleſſings by living to the glory and praiſe of thy name. *Amen.*

For public peace.

O GOD of peace, the father of all mankind, and the governor of all the nations of the earth, we give thee our unfeigned thanks, that it hath pleaſed thee to put a ſtop to the dreadful calamities of war; and to unite the contending nations in the bonds of peace. We thank thee that our public liberties are preſerved; and that we are ſtill in poſſeſſion of many valuable privileges and bleſſings. Continue to give peace in our time, we beſeech thee. May the violent paſſions of wicked men be reſtrained: may the unjuſt deſigns of ambitious men, and of tyrants, be diſappointed; and may the happy time come, when the nations ſhall learn war no more; and when all thy rational creatures ſhall be united in peace and love,

love, and in the holy worſhip of thee, the true GOD, as the common diſciples of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

For the ceaſing of a general ſickneſs.

O THOU great preſerver of thy creatures, we preſent our grateful acknowledgements to thee for thy merciful interpoſition in mitigating the contagious ſickneſs with which our country hath of late been viſited; and that thou haſt, in ſo good a meaſure, reſtored the public health. We bleſs thee for the recovery of ſuch as have been viſited with it. In the midſt of afflictions thou haſt remembered mercy: thou haſt cauſed the voice of joy and gladneſs to be heard within our dwellings. What thanks are due to thee, our very preſent help, in time of trouble. We bleſs thee for the preſervation of thoſe who have eſcaped this viſitation of thy providence. And we pray, that the lives thou haſt ſpared may be ſpent in thy ſervice; and that the health thou haſt reſtored may be devoted to thy praiſe. *Amen.*

For recovery from ſickneſs.

O LORD, our heavenly father, who redeemeſt the lives of thy ſervants from deſtruction, and giveſt health, and life, and every bleſſing; accept the ſincere and humble thankſgivings of thy *ſervant*, for thy great goodneſs to *him* in *his* recovery from the diſorder with which thou waſt pleaſed to afflict *him*. We bleſs thee for that health and ſtrength *he* now enjoys. Give *him* a deep and laſting ſenſe of this inſtance of thy mercy; diſpoſe *him* to rejoice in being again permitted to wait on thee in thy houſe; and enable *him*, and all of us, ſo to improve the bleſſing of health, whilſt thou continueſt it unto us, that we may become every day better fitted to ſuſtain the infirmities which thou ſhalt pleaſe to lay upon us; that, both living and dying, we may be accepted of thee. *Amen.*

For preſervation in child-bearing.

O MERCIFUL preſerver of mankind, who protecteſt us in the hour of danger, and who ſaveſt us from the power of death, we give thanks unto thee for thy goodneſs to thine hand-maid, whom thou haſt

haſt preſerved in child-bearing. Perfect thy mercy towards her in the renewal of her ſtrength, that ſhe may, in due time, enter thy gates with thankſgiving, and into thy courts with praiſe, and be thankful unto thee, and bleſs thy name; and, being delivered from her fears, may ſhe manifeſt the gratitude of her heart, by ordering her converſation aright. We commend to thy bleſſing the child which, in thy providence, thou haſt given her. If it pleaſe thee, ſpare its life, and eſtabliſh its health. May it become a growing comfort to its parents, and an uſeful member of ſociety; and may it be rendered meet, by temper, and character, to inherit immortal life and happineſs in the world to come. *Amen.*

Another on the ſame occaſion, when the child is dead.

O LORD our GOD, by whoſe unerring wiſdom the events of life are regulated, we offer unto thee our thankſgivings for preſerving thine hand-maid in child-bearing. We praiſe thee that thou haſt ſaved her from death, though thou haſt ſeen fit to take away the life of her offſpring. Reſtore her, we humbly pray, to

to health of body, and chearfulneſs of ſpirits, that ſhe may be enabled to come and pay her public thankſgivings to thee, the giver and preſerver of life. May ſhe be duly ſenſible of thy ſparing goodneſs to her; and her heart be reconciled to the afflictive ſtroke of thy hand, which hath attended it. And grant that all thy diſpenſations towards her may ſerve to eſtabliſh her mind in the love and fear of thee, and increaſe the conformity of her life to thy will. *Amen.*

Another on the ſame occaſion, when the woman makes her public appearance in the houſe of GOD.

ALMIGHTY GOD, the father of all mercies, the GOD of all conſolation, we offer unto thee our unfeigned thanks, in behalf of thy hand-maid, for thy great mercy vouchſafed unto her, and for bringing her to thy temple, to preſent the ſacrifice of a grateful heart. We bleſs thee that thou haſt ſupported and protected her in the pains and dangers of child-bearing; (*and made her the living mother of a living and perfect child.*) Thou haſt dealt mercifully with her; thou haſt cauſed her ſorrow to be ſucceeded by joy; and her anguiſh by

by refreſhment and eaſe. May a grateful remembrance of thy goodneſs ever enlarge her heart; and may that life which thou haſt ſpared, (*and that infant life which thou haſt given*) be devoted to thy obedience and ſervice, through the goſpel of Jeſus Chriſt, our Lord. *Amen.*

For protection on a journey.

O THOU merciful preſerver of thy creatures, accept the grateful acknowledgments of thy *ſervant* for the kind care of thy providence over *him* in journeying. Praiſed be thy name that thou haſt preſerved *him* from evil on *his* way; and haſt cauſed *him* to return to *his* friends in health and ſafety. May *he* and they teſtify their gratitude for thy goodneſs, by ſerving thee in holineſs and righteouſneſs all the days of their lives. *Amen.*

For protection on a voyage.

MOST holy and ever bleſſed GOD, who art the kind protector of thy creatures whereſoever they are, we render thanks unto thee for mercifully protecting thy *ſervant*, who has been expoſed to the perils of the ſeas. We adore thee, whoſe

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ſacred pleaſure the winds and the waves fulfil, that thou haſt brought *him* in ſafety to the deſired haven, and haſt given *him* a joyful meeting with *his* friends. May *he* retain a grateful ſenſe of thy preſerving mercy; and glorify thee, by having a conſtant reſpect unto all thy commandments. *Amen.*

For deliverance from any particular affliction.

O THOU whoſe ways are holy, juſt, and true, accept, we beſeech thee, the praiſes of thy ſervant whom thou haſt mercifully relieved under particular circumſtances of diſtreſs. May *he* keep in remembrance, and ſuitably improve, the mercy which *he* hath received; and, in well-doing, may *he* evermore caſt all *his* cares on thee, believing that thou careſt for *him*; and that thou loveſt thoſe who place their confidence in thee. *Amen.*

For any particular mercies received.

WE praiſe thee, the author of all good, in behalf of thoſe to whom thou haſt given particular cauſe of thankfulneſs, by the favour of thy providence towards them. May they be duly ſenſible of their obligations

tions to thy goodneſs, for the benefits which they have received; and of their dependance on thee, for the continuance of every comfort. And enable them ſo to uſe all the mercies of this ſhort life, that they may be prepared for the enjoyment of thoſe everlaſting bleſſings, which await all thy faithful ſervants, in the kingdom of heaven. *Amen.*

THE END.